This instrument prepared by:

Ray D. Gibbons, Esq. Gordon, Gibbons & Peacock, L.L.C. 2450 SouthTrust Tower Birmingham, Alabama 35203





KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned SOUTHTRUST BANK, successor by conversion to SouthTrust Bank, National Association (and formerly known as SouthTrust Bank of Alabama, National Association), an Alabama banking corporation (the "Bank") hereby releases and satisfies that certain Mortgage executed by Gary Nichols and wife, Beverly D. Nichols in favor of Bank, which instrument was recorded January 6, 1988 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama in Record Book 166, Page 322, as the same may have been amended from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officer has caused these presents to be executed this $\underline{Z9^{+}}$ day of March, 2002.

SOUTHTRUST BANK

VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certifies that <u>Tod FerguSon</u> whose name as <u>Vice President</u> of SouthTrust Bank, an Alabama banking corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this 29 day of March, 2002.

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