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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, the undersigned, WALTER B. BEARD, does hereby appoint BERTHA BEARD my lawful attorney-in-fact in all matters relating to the sale of my real estate located at LOT 5 SMOKEY RIDGE ESTATES, ALABASTER, AL 35007, SHELBY County, Alabama, and described as follows:

LOT 5 ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF SMOKEY RIDGE ESTATES AS RECORDED IN MAPBOOK 32, PAGE 78 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

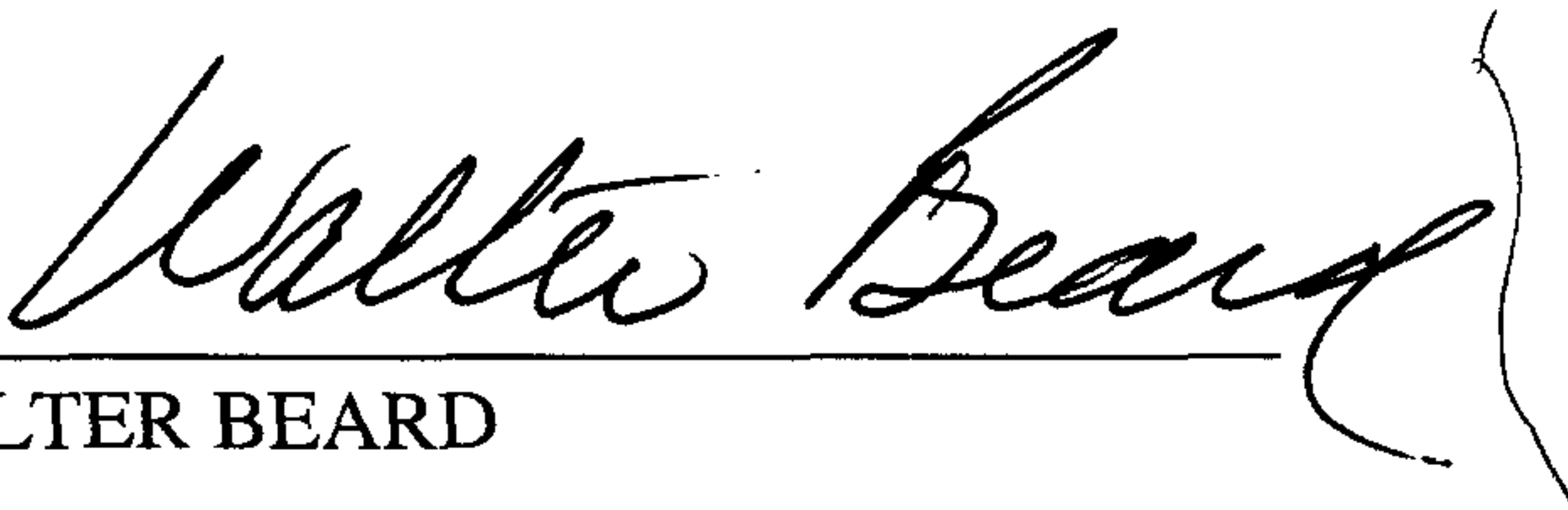
I hereby specifically authorize BERTHA BEARD to execute on my behalf all papers necessary to complete the sale of the above property, including, but not limited to all waivers, contracts, deeds, disclosures, settlement statements and any other documents required to be executed by any Bank, Savings and Loan, Mortgage Company, Title Company or Realty Company in connection with any mortgage or contract to do all acts and things as fully and effectually in all respects as I would do if present.

It is my intent that this Power of Attorney shall be a Durable Power of Attorney pursuant to Section 26-1-2 Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency or incapacity of the principal.

And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by my said attorney shall be binding on me, and my heirs, legal personal representatives, and assigns; whether the same shall have been done before or after my death, or other revocation of this instrument, unless and until reliable intelligence or notice thereof shall have been received by any person acting in reliance hereon. This Power of Attorney may be filed for record in any public office and shall expire 60 days from the date of execution.

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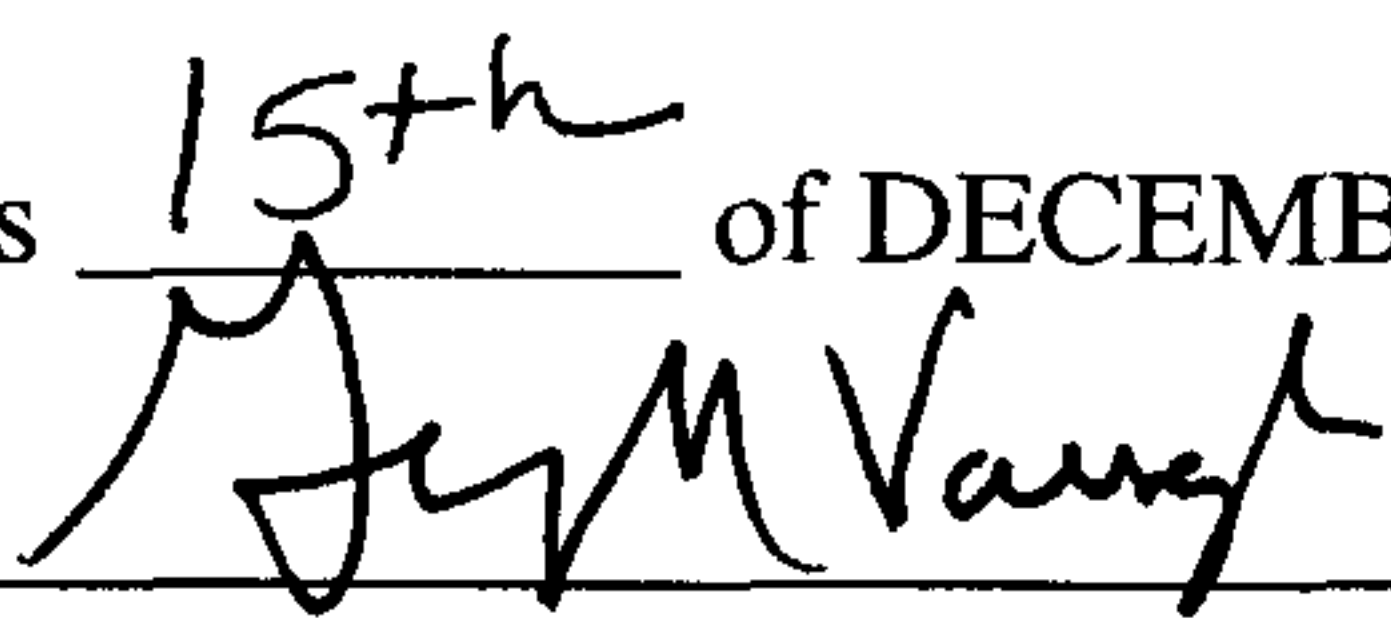
WITNESS my hand and seal this 15th day of DECEMBER, 2003.


WALTER BEARD

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that WALTER BEARD, whose name is signed to the foregoing Durable Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the Durable Power of Attorney, he/she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 15th of DECEMBER, 2003.



Notary Public
My commission expires: 9.29.06