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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, do hereby appoint BERTHA BEARD my lawful attorney-in-fact in all matters relating to the sale of our real estate located at LOT 6, SMOKEY RIDGE ESTATES, SHELBY County, Alabama, and described as follows:

LOTS 6 AND 8, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF SMOKEY RIDGE ESTATES BEING A RESURVEY OF LOTS 3-A, 4-A, 5-A AND 6-A SPAIN ESTATES AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 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 and 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 principals.

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.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 121 day of FEBRUARY, 2004

WALTER B. BEARD

STATE OF ALABMA COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certifies that WALTER B. 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 executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 130 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004.

Notary Public

My commission expires: