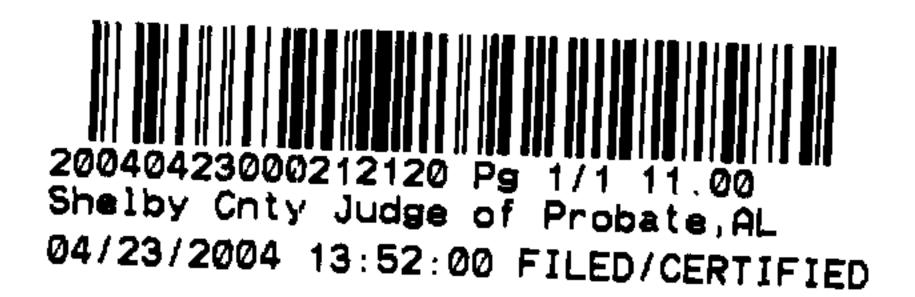


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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I intend and direct that this Power of Attorney shall not be affected by the disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal and shall be exercisable notwithstanding my disability, incapacity or uncertainty as to whether I am dead or alive occurring after the date hereof, and I direct that all acts done by my attorney-in-fact pursuant to this Power of Attorney during any period of my disability, incapacity or uncertainty as to whether or not I am dead or alive shall have the same effect and inure to my benefit and bind me and my heirs, devisees and personal representatives as if I were alive and not disabled or incapacitated. My death shall not revoke nor terminate this Power of Attorney as to my attorney-in-fact nor any other person who, without actual knowledge of my death, acts in good faith under this Power of Attorney. I reserve the right to revoke this Power of Attorney at any time, but as to persons without actual knowledge that this Power of Attorney has been revoked, it shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by a writing signed by me and recorded in the office of the Probate Court of the County wherein I reside on the date hereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal this $\sqrt{5t^a}$ day of t^a , 2004

STATE OF TEXAS

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BEKAR COUNTY

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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, personally appeared **JAMES EARL ROSS, JR.**, whose name is signed to the foregoing Limited Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me, on this date, that being informed of the contents of this Limited Power of Attorney, said individual executed same voluntarily on the day that same bears date.

PAT M. PAPE
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires May 29, 2005

NOTARY PUBLIC

JAMES EARL ROSS, JR.

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