

**THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:**

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, the undersigned, THOMAS HOPKINS do hereby appoint DENISE HOPKINS to be my lawful attorney-in-fact in all matters relating to my purchase of 116 ARLINGTON STREET, COLUMBIANA, AL 35051, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA from and described below:

LOT 3, OF ARLINGTON STREET EXTENSION SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 11, PAGE 65, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA. SITUATED IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

I hereby specifically authorize DENISE HOPKINS to execute on my behalf all papers including, but not limited to all waivers, receipts, notes, mortgages, truth-in-lending documents, deeds and any other documents required to be executed by our lender or Title Company in connection with the mortgage and to do all acts and things as fully and effectual 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, incompetence 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 myself, 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.

Notary

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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
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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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2006.


THOMAS HOPKINS

STATE OF VA)
COUNTY OF Stl)

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that THOMAS HOPKINS 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 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2006.


Notary Public

My commission expires: JAN 28, 2009