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SHELBY COUNTY § DURABLE GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal, **PAUL D. WARD, SR.** and proof of such disability, incompetency, or incapacity shall be final and conclusive as set forth herein.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, **PAUL D. WARD, SR.**, the undersigned, of 101 High Ridge Trace, Pelham, Alabama 35124, do hereby make, constitute and appoint my son, **RAYMOND E. WARD**, of 9660 Charolais Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405, my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name, place and stead, and on my behalf, and for my use and benefit:

A. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may hereafter acquire the legal right, power or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from, or relating to any person, item, transaction, thing, business, property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or matter whatsoever;

B. To request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, any and all documents of title, chooses in action, personal and real property, intangible and tangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, as now are, or shall hereafter become, owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to me or in which I have or may hereafter acquire interest, to have, use, and take

all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures, and writs in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to make, execute, and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, acquaintance, releases, receipts, or other discharges for the same;

C. To lease, purchase, exchange, and acquire, and to agree, bargain, and contract for the lease, purchase, exchange and acquisition of, and to accept, take, receive and possess any real or personal property whatsoever, tangible or intangible, or interest thereof, on such terms and conditions and under such covenants, as said attorney in fact shall deem proper;

D. To maintain, repair, improve, manage, insure, rent, lease, sell, convey, subject to liens, mortgages, subject to deeds of trust, and hypothetic, and in any way or manner deal with all or any part of any real or personal property whatsoever, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire, for me, in my behalf, and in my name and under such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as said attorney in fact shall deem proper;

E. To conduct, engage in, and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind for me, on my behalf, and in my name;

F. To make, receive, sign, endorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver, and possess such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, conveyances, deeds, trust deeds, security agreements, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, assignments, insurance policies, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, documents of title, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, letters of credit, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to

accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan or other institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidences of debts, releases, and satisfaction of mortgages, liens, judgments, security agreements and other debts and obligations and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted;

G. To continue to carry, purchase, cancel or dispose of fire, casualty, property or other income protection, medical, hospital, life, liability or other insurance and to pay any premiums thereon;

H. To sell and dispose of, as my attorney shall deem best, by private sale or otherwise, any shares of stock I now own or may hereafter own in any corporation, in any bonds or securities of the United States, any state, or any municipal corporations or private companies, and to receive the consideration from the sale thereof, and in my name and for me to execute such transfers or assignments as shall be necessary to assign said shares, bonds or securities to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and to pay any all reasonable charges in connection with the handling of such securities;

I. To exercise in person or by general or limited proxy all voting and other rights, powers and privileges and to take all steps to realize all benefits with respect to stocks or other securities including the power to enter into or oppose, alone or with others, voting trusts, mergers, consolidations, foreclosures, liquidations, reorganizations, or other changes in the financial structure of any corporation;

J. To represent me and to appear on my behalf in regard to and to take all actions necessary or appropriate in connection with taxes imposed by any municipal, state, United States or foreign authority or government relating to any tax liability or refund,

abatement or credit (including interest and/or penalties) due or alleged to be due from or to me or any other person or organization, association or trust for which I am responsible for the preparation, signing, executing, verifying, acknowledging, or paying of any tax or filing of a return or report including without limitation federal or state income and gift tax returns; and to inspect or receive copies of any tax returns filed by or for me, reports or other papers or documents, compromises or adjustments of any and all claims, and to execute Internal Revenue Service forms as may be appropriate, and any other forms required by the Internal Revenue Service or any other governmental agency from time to time in regard to the granting of powers of attorney, and to name my attorney or any other person as my attorney thereunder;

K. To arrange for, agree to and contract for the principal's health care, including any surgical procedures and to execute any waivers necessary to obtain for me health care or surgical procedures; to arrange for and pay the costs of medical, dental, nursing, hospital convalescent and other health care and treatment, including admission to hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, or other care facilities or institutions; to consent to treatment, and to make application for insurance, pension, or employee benefits related to such health care and treatment, including but not limited to, benefits under Social Security Medicare and Medicaid; to obtain on my behalf copies of medical reports, summaries, or other related information concerning me, made or taken before or after the date of this instrument, and to execute any written consents on my behalf for the disclosure of such reports, summaries or related information as may be required under any applicable federal statute, statutes of any state of the United States, or ordinances, rules or requirements of any local governmental municipality, authority or agency;

L. To recognize, respect, abide by and follow any and all provisions made by me in any Advance Directive for Health Care, living will and/or appointment of health care proxy which I have currently entered into or which I simultaneously enter into herewith or which I enter into in the future; provided, however, that under circumstances where the terms hereof shall conflict with such directive, living will or proxy, then it is my intent that such directive, living will or proxy shall take precedence.

M. I grant to said attorney in fact full power and authority to do, take and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, proper, or necessary to be done, in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney in fact or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted;

N. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, rights, acts or powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting, the general powers herein granted to said attorney in fact.

O. If any power or authority hereby sought to be conferred upon my attorney should be invalid or unexercisable for any cause or not be recognized by any person, firm or organization dealing with my said attorney, the remaining powers and authorities given to the attorney hereunder shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

P. In the event that proceedings are instituted to appoint a guardian, I hereby nominate my son, **Raymond E. Ward**.

No person, firm or governmental entity relying upon this Power of Attorney in good faith and without actual notice of revocation of the authority conferred hereunder shall incur any liability to me or to my estate as a result of permitting my attorney to exercise any power or discretion granted hereunder, nor shall any person, firm or governmental entity dealing with my said attorney be required to see to the application and disposition of any monies, stocks, bonds, securities or other property paid to or delivered to my attorney, or my attorney's substitute, pursuant to the provisions and powers herein granted.

Paul D Ward Sr

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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Paul D. Ward, Sr.** whose name 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 said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 5th day of July, 2007⁸.

Lynne Pearson

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 08/24/11