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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, **JOE C. THOMAS**

a legal resident of **Greenville,**

State of **South Carolina**

United States of America, now in the military service as a **Second Lieutenant**

Army Serial No. **0-1876570**, in the Army of the United States, and anticipating that such service may take me out of the United States, have made, constituted and appointed, and by

these presents do make, constitute and appoint **my wife, FAY S. THOMAS**

whose address is **112 Beechwood Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina**

my true and lawful attorney to act in, manage and conduct all my estate and all my affairs, and for that purpose for me and in my name, place, and stead and for my use and benefit, and as my act and deed, to do and execute, or to concur with persons jointly interested with myself therein in the doing or executing of, all or any of the following acts, deeds and things, that is to say:

(1) To buy, receive, lease, accept, or otherwise acquire; to sell, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, quit claim, or otherwise encumber or dispose of; or to contract or agree for the acquisition, disposal, or encumbrance of, any property whatsoever or any custody, possession, interest, or right therein upon such terms as my said attorney shall think proper; (2) To take, hold, possess, invest, lease, or let, or otherwise manage any or all of my property or any interest therein; to eject, remove, or relieve tenants or other persons from, and recover possession of such property by all lawful means; and to maintain, protect, preserve, insure, remove, store, transport, repair, rebuild, modify, or improve the same or any part thereof; (3) To make, do, and transact all and every kind of business of what nature or kind soever, including the receipt, recovery, collection, payment, compromise, settlement, and adjustment of all accounts, legacies, bequests, interests, dividends, annuities, claims, demands, debts, taxes, and obligations, which may now or hereafter be due, owing, or payable by me or to me; (4) To make, indorse, accept, receive, sign seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, certificates, hypothecations, checks, notes, bonds, vouchers, receipts, releases, and such other instruments in writing of what ever kind and nature as may be necessary, convenient, or proper in the premises; (5) To make deposits or investments in, or withdrawals from, any account, holding, or interest which I may now or hereafter have, or be entitled to, in any banking, trust, or investment institution, including postal savings depository offices, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and similar institutions; to exercise any right, option, or privilege pertaining thereto; and to open or establish accounts, holdings, or interests of whatever kind or nature, with any such institution, in my name or in my said attorney's name or in both our names jointly, either with or without right of survivorship; (6) To institute, prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate, and dispose of legal, equitable, or administrative hearings, actions, suits, attachments, arrests, distresses or other proceedings, or otherwise engage in litigation in connection with the premises; (7) To act as my attorney or proxy in respect to any stocks, bonds, shares, or other investments, rights, or interests, I may now or hereafter hold; (8) To engage and dismiss agents, counsel and employees, and to appoint and remove at pleasure any substitute for, or agent of my said attorney, in respect to all or any of the matters or things herein mentioned and upon such terms as my attorney shall think fit; (9) To execute vouchers in my behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to me by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law or army regulations, and to receive, indorse, and collect the proceeds of checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasurer of the United States; To apply for formally and informally, and to receive formally and in my behalf, duplicate checks payable to the order of the undersigned, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, for whatever account, if any check payable to the undersigned should be lost, stolen, destroyed or not received so that the undersigned would be entitled to the issuance of duplicate checks and to execute in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, all bonds, indemnities, applications, or other documents, which may be required by law or regulation to secure the issuance of such duplicate checks; (10) To prepare, execute, and file income and other tax returns, and other governmental reports, declarations, applications, requests and documents; (11) To take possession, and order the removal and shipment of any of my property from any post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safe keeping, governmental or private and to execute and deliver any release, voucher, receipt, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument necessary or convenient for such purpose.

GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act, deed, matter, and thing whatsoever in and about my estate, property, and affairs as fully and effectually to all intent and purpose as I might or could do in my own proper person if personally present, the above specially enumerated powers being in aid and exemplification of the full, complete, and general power herein granted and not in limitation or definition thereof; and hereby ratifying all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.