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FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE** 61041

Grantor (Lender): ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC.  
Grantee (Successor Trustee): MERKEL, JOHN C.  
Legal Description: L 2, SP#32-86, RECORDED AT 8610280007, VOL 7, P 128, OF  
SHORT PLATS, SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON. Additional  
legal not included.  
Assessor's Tax ID: 360313-4-007-0104  
Ref. Nos. of Documents Assigned or Released: DOT Rec. #9801050003

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That JOHN THOMPSON, as his separate property, is the Grantor, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY is the Trustee, and ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC., is the Beneficiary under that certain Deed of Trust dated December 31, 1997, and recorded on January 5, 1998, under Auditor's File No. 9801050003, records of Skagit County, Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the premises the undersigned hereby appoints JOHN C. MERKEL, whose address is 999 Third Avenue, Suite 2525, Seattle, Washington 98104, as Successor Trustee under said Deed of Trust, to have all the powers of said original Trustee, effective forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Beneficiary has caused its corporate name to be signed and affixed hereunto by its duly authorized officers.

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 1999

ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES  
OF AMERICA, INC.

By:

Marsha Fogle  
MARSHA FOGLE  
Vice President

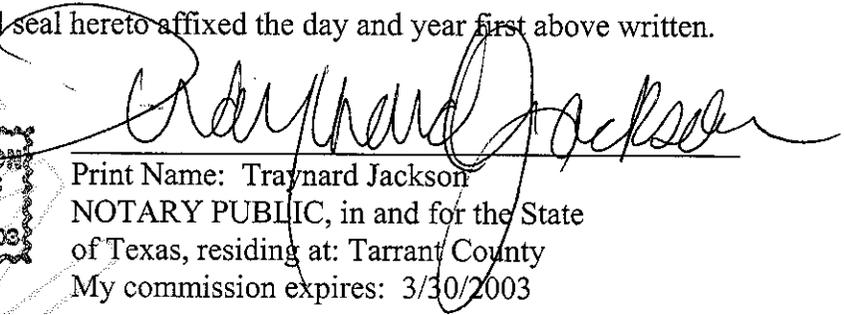
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STATE OF TEXAS            )  
  : ss.  
COUNTY OF DALLAS        )

On this 10 day of December, 1999, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared MARSHA FOGLE, to me known to be a Vice President of ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that she is authorized to execute the said instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.



  
Print Name: Traynard Jackson  
NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the State  
of Texas, residing at: Tarrant County  
My commission expires: 3/30/2003