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West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Loan Number: 88924907 0115

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ILLINOIS **RELEASE OF MORTGAGE**

In consideration of the payment and full satisfaction of the debt secured by the Mortgage dated JUNE 22, 1998 and executed by MICHAEL R. CRESS AND TINA A. CRESS, as Mortgagor(s), and recorded on JUNE 29, 1998 as document number 98553736, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of COOK County, Vinois, the undersigned hereby releases said Mortgage which formally encumbered the described properly:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 18 IN SOUTH LOREL AVENUE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 38 MORTH, RANGE 13 HAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RIGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO. -970588,-IN-COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

APN. 19-21-117-013-000

Commonly known as: 6425 S LOREL CHICAGO, ILLINGS

Dated: DECEMBER 28TH, 2001

STATE OF FLORIDA

EMPIRE FUNDING COKP By its Attorney-in-Fact Ocwen Federal Bank FSB

Vickie Pruitt

Servicing Officer Title:

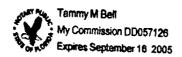
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}SS Instrument number: 0010282562 **COUNTY OF PALM BEACH**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Notary, on DECEMBER 28TH, 2001, by Vickie Pruitt, Servicing Officer of Ocwen Federal Bank FSB, a federal savings bank, Attorney-in-Fact for EMPIRE FUNDING CORP., on behalf of the bank. Vickie Pruitt is personally known to me.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office.



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