office of secretary of state

THELMA L. STOVALL Secretary



FRANKFORT. KENTUCKY

CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OF DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS

INTO

STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWEMSBORD, STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAR AND STURLING FINANCE COMPANY into: STEELING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, now changing name to: USLIFE CREDIT CORPORATION

I. THELMA L. STOVALL, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that triplicate originals of Articles of Merger of

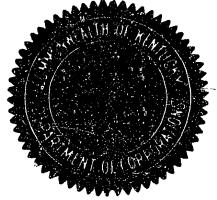
STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSBORO, et. al.

a domestic corporation, into STERLING ACCEPTA OF COMMANY (Louisville, Kentucky) a domestic corporation, duly signed and verified pursuant to the Provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes 271A have been received in this office and comply to said statutes.

Accordingly, as Secretary of State and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I do hereby issue this Certificate of Merger of

STEPLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSHORD, et. al.

INTO STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, under the name USLIFE CREDIT CORPOR-



Witness my official signature and seal of office this 29th December . 19 72, at Frankfort, Kentucky. day of.

SECRETARY OF STATE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

ARTICLES OF MERGER

OF

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STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAH A KENTUCKY CORPORATION

> STERLING FINANCE COMPANY A KENTUCKY CORPORATION

> > INTO

STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY A KENTUCKY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 71 of the Kentucky Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporations adopt the following Articles of Merger:

FIRST: The plan of merger as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof was approved by the shareholders of STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY, a Kentucky corporation, on the 28th day of September, 1972, in the manner prescribed by the Kentucky Business Corporation Act, was approved by the shareholders of STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWERSBORO, a Kentucky comporation, on the 28th day of September, 1972, in the manner prescribed by the Kentucky Business Corporation Act. was approved by the shareholders of STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAR, a Kentucky corporation, on the 28th day of September, 1972, in the manner prescribed by the Kentucky Business Corporation Act, and was approved by the shareholders

of STERLING FINANCE COMPANY, a Kentucky Corporation on the 28th day of September, 1972, in the manner prescribed by the Kentucky Business Corporation Act.

SECOND: As to each participating corporation, the shareholders of which voted on such plan of merger, the number of shares outstanding and the number of shares entitled to vote on such plan, and the number of such shares voted for and against the plan as follows:

NAME OF CORPORATION	NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	NUMBER OF SHARES ENTITLED TO VOTE	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST
STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSBORO	500	200	200	-0-
STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAH	500	500	500	-0-
STERLING FINANCE COMPANY	200	200	500	-0-
STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY d/b/a STERLIN FINANCE COMPANY	100 VG	100	1.00	-0-

THIRD: If the shares of any class were entitled to vote as a class, the designation and number of the outstanding shares of each such class, and the number of shares of each such class voted for and against the plan, are as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION NUMBER OF CORPORATION OF CLASS SHARES VOTED FOR VOTED AGAINST

None for each corporation

Dated the day of December, 1970

STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY

Irvin E. McElhinny Wm. S. Naughton STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSBORO its President Irvin E. McElhinny Wm. S. Naughton STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAH its President Irvin E. McElhinny and Wm. S. Naughton STERLING FINANCE COMPANY its President Irvin E. McElhinny Wm. S. Naughton

This Instrument was prepared by

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EXHIBIT A

PLAN OF MERGER

FIRST: STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY, hereby merges into itself STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSBORO, STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAH and STERLING FINANCE COMPANY and the said STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF OWENSBORO, STERLING FINANCE COMPANY OF PADUCAH and STERLING FINANCE COMPANY shall be and are hereby merged into STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY.

SECOND: The Articles of Encorporation of STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, d/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY are amended as follows:

"1. The name of the corporation is USELFE CHEDIT CORPORATION."

Said Articles of Incorporation as so amended and as so hereby changed shall become and be the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation, and, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by statute, the surviving corporation shall have the powers set forth therein and be governed by the provisions thereof.

THIRD: No stock of STERLING ACCEPTANCE COMPANY a/b/a STERLING FINANCE COMPANY shall be issued as a part of the merger.

FOURTH: Upon the effective date of the merger, COLONIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, the

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

I hereby certify that on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Irvin E. McElhinny, to me known and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Agreement of Merger as President of Sterling Finance Company of Owensboro. Sterling Finance Company of Paducah, Sterling Finance Company and Sterling Acceptance Company D/B/A Sterling Finance Company. all corporations of the State of Kentucky, and the corporations described in and party to the foregoing Agreement of Merger, and acknowledged before me that he executed the same as such President of said Corporations and that the foregoing Agreement of Merger is the act, deed and agreement of said corporations.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this of day of December, A.D. 1972.

MARGARET LEGGEN NOTARY PUBLIC LC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 14, 1978

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holder of all the issued and outstanding stock of each merged corporation, shall assign and transfer to the respective issuers of said stock or its agents, the certificate or certificates representing the shares of stock of such respective issuers held by COLONIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION immediately prior to the effective date of the merger, and upon the assignment and transfer of said certificate or certificate, the same shall be cancelled.

FIFTH: The terms and conditions of the merger are as follows:

- (a) The by-laws of the surviving corporation as they shall exist on the effective date of this agreement shall be and remain the by-laws of the surviving corporation until the same shall be altered, amended or replaced as therein provided.
- (b) The directors and officers of the surviving corporation shall continue in office until the next annual meeting and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.
- (c) This merger shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of Kentucky. However, for all accounting purposes, the effective date of merger shall be as of the close of business on December 29, 1972.