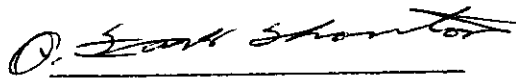


I, O Frank Thornton, Secretary of State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the original Agreement of Merger of Southern Bank and Trust Company and Bank of Piedmont into SOUTHERN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, was duly filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina on the 25th day of August, 1965, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-20.4 of the Code of Laws for South Carolina, 1962, as amended, and that the foregoing 14 pages constitute a true and correct copy of said original Agreement of Merger so filed.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at Columbia, this 25th day of August, 1965.



O. Frank Thornton,  
Secretary of State

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