

EXHIBIT A

This is to certify that:

1. I, the undersigned, am ^{ASSISTANT} Secretary of METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Corporation,

being the same corporation which contemporaneously with the execution hereof, executed and delivered to H. V. HIGLEY, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a deed dated 10th day of August, 1953.

2. LOUIS G. BUISSON and J. E. MCGURK, who executed said deed on behalf of said corporation, as THIRD Vice President and as ASSISTANT SECRETARY thereof, were at the time they executed the same the duly elected, qualified, and acting THIRD VICE President and ASSISTANT SECRETARY

of said corporation, having been so elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation held on the 27th day of November, 1951 and 20th day of December, 1949, respectively.

3. Said officers who executed said deed were duly authorized to execute it on behalf of said corporation by virtue of the bylaws of the corporation ~~as read at the meeting of the Board of Directors~~ duly adopted on the 26th day of May, 1953.

4. I have custody of, have examined said records and know the above to be true.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

WALTER E. HOLLENBECK, ASSISTANT Secretary.

NOTE TO RECORDER.—The following notes are not part of this instrument and should not be recorded.

NOTE 1.—(a) Delete paragraph [] before signing if inapplicable.

(b) Delete words in parentheses (*) unless evidence afforded by Exhibit A has been recorded previously. If previously recorded in county where herein-described land is situated, fill blanks at (*) and strike out underscored words preceding (*) and all of Exhibit A.

(c) Draw line through inapplicable statement (*, *) of Exhibit A.

*NOTE 2.—Print, typewrite, or stamp names of persons executing this instrument, also names of witnesses and notary public immediately underneath such signatures.

Together with all and singular, the improvements thereon and the rights, members, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular, the property herein granted and transferred unto the said Grantee and unto his successors in such office, as such, and his and their assigns, forever.

[Grantor also assigns and transfers to the Grantee herein all of said Grantor's claims and notes, and the judgment, if any, thereon representing the indebtedness heretofore secured by liens on the property hereinabove described and which liens were heretofore foreclosed. Said judgment was entered May 20, 1953, in cause No. F6995 in the Office of the Clerk of court of Greenville County, North Carolina.]

Grantor does hereby bind itself and its successors, to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee and unto his successors in office, as such, and his or their assigns, against Grantor and Grantor's successors, and against every person who may lawfully claim, or to obtain the same or any part thereof.