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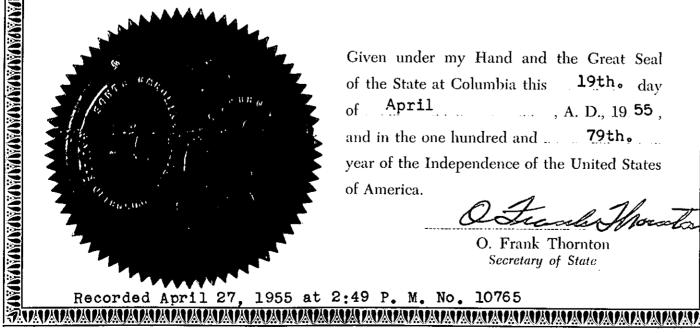
Office of the Secretary of State

I, O. Frank Thornton, Secretary of State of the State of South Carolina, hereby certify:

that the original Agreement of Merger of BELK_SIMPSON COMPANY and GREENVILLE BARGAIN HOUSE, was duly filed in this office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina on the 19th. day of April, 1955, pursuant to the provisions of Volumb 1, Chapter 8, Title 12, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1952, and that the foregoing five (5) pages constitute a true and correct copy of said original Agreement of Merger so filed. That said Agreement of Merger being now the Charter of

BELK_SIMPSON COMPANY, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, under the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1952.

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Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State at Columbia this 19th. day , A. D., 19.**55** and in the one hundred and ... year of the Independence of the United States