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WHEREAS, I, Craig A. Ledbetter, residing at Clovis, California, having invented an improvement in PEACH ROOTSTOCK HBOK 32, with Fredrick A. Bliss, Ali A. Almehdi, Theodore M. DeJong, and Anne Gillen; for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, and identified as Plant Patent Application Serial No. 12/653,856 filed on December 17, 2009;

WHEREAS, the WORLDWIDE patent rights in my share of said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of my having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, I hereby assign said WORLDWIDE patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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