

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION**

JOHNNY RAY THORNTON, :

 Plaintiff, :

vs. :

 :

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, :
Commissioner of Social Security,

 Defendant. :

CA 2:09-0461-C

JUDGMENT

In accordance with the memorandum opinion and order entered on this date, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff benefits be reversed and remanded pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), *see Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 111 S.Ct. 2157, 115 L.Ed.2d 78 (1991), for further proceedings not inconsistent with this decision. The remand pursuant to sentence four of § 405(g) makes the plaintiff a prevailing party for purposes of the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 112 S.Ct. 2625, 125 L.Ed.2d 239 (1993), and

terminates this Court's jurisdiction over this matter.

DONE this the 19th day of April, 2010.

S/WILLIAM E. CASSADY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE