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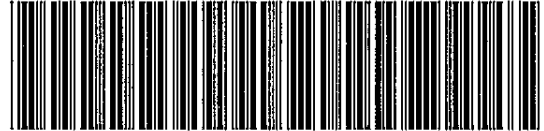
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**BETTY CASTOR EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE, INC.**

**A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby certifies as follows:

**I.**  
**NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be the "Betty Castor Exploratory Committee, Inc." ("Corporation").

**II.**  
**ADDRESS**

The initial street address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be 2544 Blirstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**III.**  
**PURPOSE**

The Corporation shall be a political committee incorporated for the purposes of limited liability, as permitted by Federal Election Commission regulations [11 C.F.R. §114.12(a)], and a nonprofit organization qualifying under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the "Code"). The Corporation shall not have the authority to issue capital stock. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to promote, aid and encourage the possible candidacy of Betty Castor for the office of United States Senator from Florida during the 2004 election cycle and to carry on activities permitted under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §431 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the general powers enumerated in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended. In addition, the Corporation shall have the power to receive contributions and donations and make expenditures and disbursements in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §431 et seq. or any other applicable federal, state or local law relating to the Corporation's activities in support of Betty Castor's possible candidacy.

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IV.  
**MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members.

V.  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The directors shall be elected or appointed as provided by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

VI.  
**CORPORATE POWERS**

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, including provisions for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are as follows:

- A. The Corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority, expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law, that will prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 527 of the Code, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification.
- B. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any other private person, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation of services rendered to or for the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
- C. The Corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.
- D. At no time shall the Corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida, or any other jurisdiction where its activities are carried on.
- E. Upon the termination, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets and excess funds, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation shall be applied and distributed in accordance with a plan of distribution adopted by the Board of Directors. Under such plan, the assets and excess funds shall be disposed of in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §439(a), including but not limited to distributing them to one or more organizations that are exempt from taxation under Section 527 and have purposes similar to those of the Corporation, be distributed to one or more corporations, funds or foundations that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or be distributed in any way that is not inconsistent with the Act or any provision or principle of tax and election law applicable to organizations described in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

VII.  
**REGISTERED AGENT**

The address, including street and number, of the initial registered office of the Corporation is:

2544 Blairstone Pines Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire.

VIII.  
**INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as the initial Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Sam Bell  
1298 Millstream Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Charles Lester  
3111 North Shamrock  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

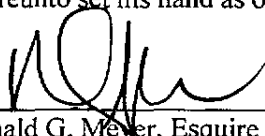
Doug Bell  
3705 Cassandra Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

IX.  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator are follows:

Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
2544 Blairstone Pines Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand as of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 28th day of May, 2003, by Ronald G. Meyer, who is personally known to me OR ~~who has produced a valid Florida Driver's License as identification (strike through one).~~



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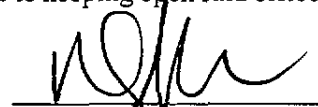
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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in these articles of incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes relative to keeping open said office for service of process.

  
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Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire  
Registered Agent

Date: May 28, 2003

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