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SUBJECT: Emory L. Bennett Foundation, Inc.	
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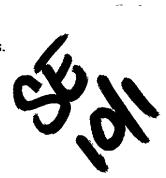
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

EMORY L. BENNETT FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: EMORY L. BENNETT FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is: P.O. Box 560803, Rockledge, FL 32956-0803.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE OF BUSINESS

The objects and purposes of association shall be as follows:

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of education and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for those purposes, and particularly for purpose of erecting and maintaining a public memorial to the late Emory L. Bennett and creating and funding a scholarship in the honor of the late Emory L. Bennett, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for valor.
- (b) The general purposes for which corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under 26 USCA§ 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law, including, for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that Section.
- (c) This corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations generally under the laws of the State of Florida. Provided, however, that corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity which is not itself in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in paragraph (a) and (b) of this Article, nor is it empowered to engage in any activities mentioned in paragraph (d) and (e) of this Article.

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- (d) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. Nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (e) No part of net earnings, properties or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or any member, officer, or director of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets of this corporation remaining after payment or provision for all debts and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated for charitable or religious purposes designated by the board of directors which, at the time qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under 26 USCA §501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (f) For the purpose of carrying out its objects and purposes, corporation may acquire, receive and hold in its own name, by purchase, gift, grant or bequest, any real or personal property, and may transfer, sell, mortgage, convey, let or otherwise use the same, subject to and in accordance with these articles of incorporation and any bylaws of incorporation adopted in the future, consistent with the charitable purposes for which foundation is formed.

The foregoing paragraphs shall be construed as enumeration both objects and powers of the corporation; and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

The officers of corporation shall consist of a chairman, president, secretary, and treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the board of directors, and each of whom shall be elected by the board of directors annually, immediately following the election of a new board of directors by the members at the annual meeting of association.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS

The name and address of the first Board of Directors of this corporation are:

Name

Address

John M. Bennett, Chairman

One South Palmway

Rockledge, FL 32955-2841

Michael Emory Bennett, President

P.O. Box 56004

Rockledge, FL 32956-0004

John Michael Bennett, Treasurer

P.O. Box 56004

Rockledge, FL 32956-0004

Holly Bennett Wilhelm, Secretary

3019 Sandgate Ct. Cocoa, FL 32926

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of this corporation is: Michael Emory Bennett, President, P.O. Box 56004, Rockledge, FL 32956-0004 l2 Burlington ave. Rockledge, FL 32955

ARTICLE VII- INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name

Address

Michael Emory Bennett, President

P.O. Box 56004

Rockledge, FL 32956-0004

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Rockledge, Florida this 19 day of Sept., 2002.



MICHAEL EMORY BENNETT

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BREVARD

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared MICHAEL EMORY BENNETT to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who

signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that they signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed and who produced a drivers license or is personally known to me.	J
WITNESS my hand and official seal at Rockledge, Brevard County, Florida this 19 of Sept , 2002. DENISE L FULK MY COMMISSION # DD 113590 EXPIRES: May 1, 2006 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters Notary Public, State of Florida My commission expires:	lay