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Florida Division of Corporations Department of State 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399 800004954448--1 -02/19/02--01053--003 ******78.75 *****78.75

RE: RUTH PAULS, INC.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have enclosed for your review and filing the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for RUTH PAULS, INC., and a check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to The Florida Department of State for the following:

Filing Fee for Articles of Incorporation, F.S. \$35.00 Filing Fee for Resident Agent F.S. \$35.00 Certificate of Good Standing \$35.00

TOTAL: \$78.75

Please return a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the original Certificate of Good Standing to this office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to and cooperation in this matter.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RUTH PAULS, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is RUTH PAULS, INC.

ARTICLE II - TERM

This corporation shall commence to exist on the time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State of the State of Florida, and shall exist perpetually or until legally dissolved.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This is a corporation for the purpose of conducting any or all lawful business, and doing all acts and things as are incidental to the foregoing or necessary or convenient to carry on the business of the corporation or to effect or promote the purpose for which the corporation is formed.

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (750) SHARES of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) PAR VALUE per share common stock.

ARTICLE V - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of this corporation is 4501A 2ND AVENUE, HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and the initial registered agent of office of the registered agent of this corporation is STEPHEN F. VOIGT, ESQ., of VOIGT & VOIGT, P.A. and that address is 2042 BEE RIDGE ROAD, SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34239.

ARTICLE VII - MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION BY SHAREHOLDERS

All corporate powers shall be executed by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the shareholders of this corporation. This corporation shall have no directors.

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the shareholders.

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<u>ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR</u>

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

NANCY HOUSE 4501A 2ND AVENUE HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereof, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>13</u>¹⁶ day of February, 2002.

NANCY HOUSE

STATE OF FLORIDA)) SS COUNTY OF SARASOTA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>/3**</u>day of February, 2002 by **NANCY HOUSE**, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Driver's License as identification and who did take an oath.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

Official Seal
MELISSA M. ZELLER
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires May 11, 2005
No. DD 016087

Notary Public

Print Name

CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for this corporation at the registered office designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned accepts the designation.

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