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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE #16, INC.

FIRST: THE CORPORATE NAME THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 607.0401 IS: RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE #16, INC.

SECOND: THE ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE, AND THE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION IS: 3321 Hessmer Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002

THIRD: THE NUMBER OF SHARES THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE IS 1,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

FOURTH: (a) IF THE CORPORATION IS TO ISSUE THE SHARES OF ANY PREFERRED OR SPECIAL CLASS IN SERIES, THE DESIGNATION OF EACH SERIES IS: NONE

(b) STATEMENT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE RELATIVE RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES AS BETWEEN SERIES INSOFAR AS THE SAME ARE TO BE FIXED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: NONE

(c) STATEMENT OF ANY AUTHORITY TO BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ESTABLISH SERIES AND FIX AND DETERMINE THE VARIATIONS IN THE RELATIVE RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES BETWEEN SERIES: NONE

FIFTH: PROVISIONS GRANTING PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS .RE: NONE

SIXTH: PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE BYLAWS.

SEVENTH: THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM, 1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD, CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA 33324, AND THE NAME OF ITS INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AT SUCH ADDRESS IS C T CORPORATION SYSTEM.

EIGHTH: THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS CONSTITUTING THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION IS <u>Seven</u>, WHOSE NAMES ARE RUTH U. FERTEL, THOMAS W. CANGEMI, JONI CATHER, GARY WOLLERMAN, PHILIP S. BROOKS, JAMES EDWARD RYDER AND ROBERT MERRICK.

NINTH: THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH INCORPORATOR IS:

E. W. Patterson

811 Dallas Avenue

Houston, Texas 77002

W. T. Erwin

811 Dallas Avenue

Houston, Texas 77002

L. L. Walker

811 Dallas Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION THIS 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1995.

> terson, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY THE REGISTERED AGENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 607.0501 (3) F.S.: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM IS FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPTS THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 607.0505.

C T CORPGRATION SYSTEM

DATED: September 14, 1995

Wayne Patterson,

Assistant Vice President