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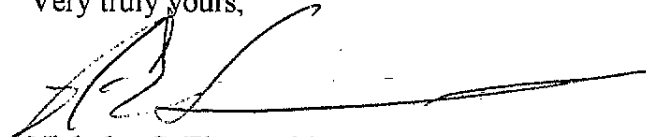
Division of Corporations
Department of State
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: R. A. Thomas, Inc.
Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed a check for \$35.00 to cover the filing fee costs for the Articles of Amendment of the above-mentioned corporation. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Nickolas C. Ekonomides

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

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To: Department of State
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.1006 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is R. A. Thomas, Inc.
2. The following amendment replaces the existing Article V of the articles of incorporation:

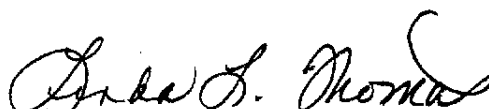
ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue one thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, of which one hundred (100) shares shall have voting rights and nine hundred (900) shares shall be non-voting, at one dollar (\$1.00) par value each, which shall be designated as "Voting Common Shares," "Non-voting Common Shares," or collectively as "Common Shares".

3. No shares have been issued to date and therefore the manner in which any exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares is to be effected is inapplicable.
4. The amendment was adopted on February 2, 1998, in the manner prescribed by the Florida Business Corporation Act by the board of directors without shareholder action and shareholder action was not required.
5. This Amendment shall be effective upon the earlier of its adoption or its filing with the Secretary of State as provided by the Florida Business Corporation Act.

Signed this 3rd day of August 1998.


Richard A. Thomas, Director


Linda L. Thomas, Director