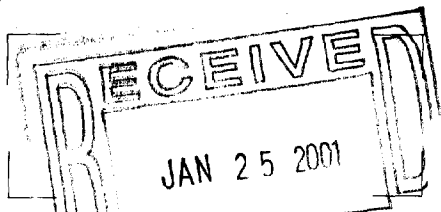
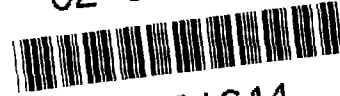


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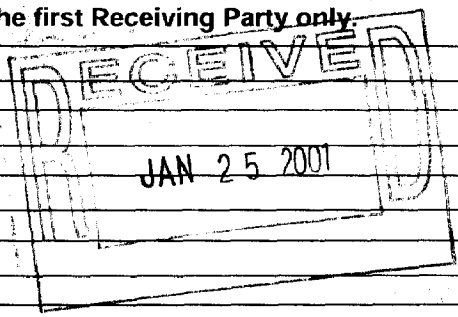
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Name of Person Signing

Signature

January 22, 2001

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SECRETARY OF STATE

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that

a copy of an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of

RUTH U. FERTEL, INC.

Domiciled at METAIRIE, LOUISIANA, changing the corporate name to

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, INC.

Was filed and recorded in this Office on December 29, 2000.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on.

December 29, 2000

Joy McKeithen

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Secretary of State



ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
RUTH U. FERTEL, INC.

Each of the undersigned, President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of RUTH U. FERTEL, INC. (the "Corporation") does hereby certify that a resolution amending the articles of incorporation of the Corporation was duly adopted pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 12:31 et seq., by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of the Corporation and of each class of shares entitled to vote thereon at a meeting held on December __, 2000.

430,239.958 shares of Class A common stock were represented at the meeting by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P.; 24,344.918 shares of Class A common stock were represented at the meeting by Ruth U. Fertel; and 29,775.707 shares of Class A common stock were represented at the meeting by William L. Hyde, Jr., all of which voted for the Amendment.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation were amended by said resolution as follows:

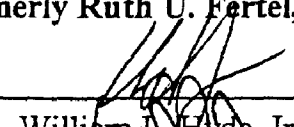
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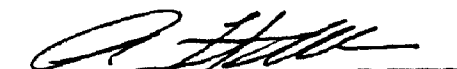
"The name of the corporation is Ruth's Chris Steak House, Inc."

Dated: December 28, 2000.

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Inc.
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By: 
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By: 
Thomas J. Pennison, Jr., Secretary

By: 
Trent Schelin, Assistant Secretary

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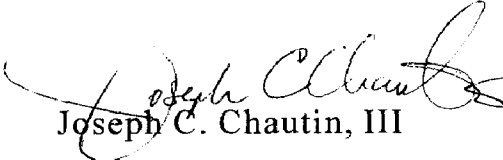
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Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed please find a copy of documents reflecting a corporate name change for Ruth U. Fertel, Inc., the current registrant or applicant in the above referenced matters. The company's name is Ruth's Chris steak House, Inc. PTO Form 1618A, recordation form cover sheet, is attached as required by the PTO's rules. A single check in the amount of \$190 is enclosed in payment of the requisite recordation fee.

Should you have any questions regarding the recordation of this name change, please contact me by telephone or email at jchautin@hardycarey.com.

Yours very truly,


Joseph C. Chautin, III

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