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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the Preferred Share Purchase Rights of Darden Restaurants, Inc. under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,

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