RESOLUTION URGING JELL-O® RECOGNITION

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This Senate resolution of the Legislature recognizes Jell-O[®] brand gelatin as a favorite snack of Utah.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Jell-O[®] brand gelatin was introduced to the country in 1897, just one year after Utah was admitted to the Union as the 45th state;

WHEREAS, Utah has been the number one per capita consumer of Jell-O[®] brand gelatin for many years;

WHEREAS, Jell-O[®] is representative of good family fun, which Utah is known for throughout the world;

WHEREAS, Salt Lake Magazine proclaimed Utah "the Jell-O[®] State" in a cover story in 1996;

WHEREAS, Jell-O[®] brand gelatin recipes, which often include bananas, apples, marshmallows, pretzels, carrots, and grapes, are a traditional favorite at family, church, and community dinners throughout the Beehive State;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Salt Lake Tribune editorial cartoonist Pat Bagley drew a week-long series of political cartoons showcasing Jell-O[®] in Utah in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Jell-O[®];

WHEREAS, a 2002 Winter Olympic pin was designed that featured a bowl of green gelatin

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and has become a valuable collector's item;

WHEREAS, when Des Moines, Iowa edged out Salt Lake City as the capitol of Jell-O[®] gelatin consumption in 1999, it sparked front page stories in Salt Lake City's newspapers;

WHEREAS, Utahns rallied to "Take Back the Title" as Chef Scott Blackerby hosted a recipe contest in the Hotel Monaco's Bambara Restaurant and Pat Bagley ran a cartoon persuading Utahns to purchase more Jell-O[®] gelatin;

WHEREAS, throughout 2000, Brigham Young University students campaigned to make Utah's love of Jell-O[®] official at festivals and fairs throughout Utah;

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 signatures have been collected from the people of Utah in support of the campaign to select Jell-O[®] as the Official Snack of Utah; and

WHEREAS, due to these and many other efforts, Salt Lake City has now successfully recaptured the title:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the state of Utah recognize Jell-O[®] as a favorite snack food of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kraft Foods, Inc.

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