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Michael W. Murphy Joins Board of Directors at Jack in the Box Inc.

SAN DIEGO - Jack in the Box Inc. (NYSE: JBX), operator and franchiser of Jack in the Box® restaurants, today announced the addition of Michael W. Murphy to the company's board of directors, effective immediately. Murphy is president and CEO for Sharp HealthCare, San Diego's largest integrated health system, with nine hospitals, three affiliated medical groups, six urgent care centers and four skilled nursing facilities.

At Jack in the Box, Murphy joins a distinguished board that has been recognized by the investment community for its oversight on issues ranging from ethics to strategic planning. In 2002, Jack in the Box was honored by Investor Relations magazine as having the best system of corporate governance among all small-cap companies.

"Our board of directors is a key component of the corporate governance structure at Jack in the Box, and we believe Mike will have an immediate impact on the policies and procedures that help guide our decisions on corporate affairs," said Robert J. Nugent, chairman and CEO. "Mike's background in finance along with his extensive experience in realizing business development opportunities will serve Jack in the Box well as we pursue our goal of becoming a national restaurant company."

Murphy's career in health care spans more than 20 years. His career at Sharp began in 1991 as chief financial officer of Grossmont Hospital, located in San Diego's East County, before moving to Sharp's system-wide role of vice president of financial accounting and reporting. Prior to his appointment to president and CEO, Murphy served as senior vice president of business development and legal affairs. In that capacity, Murphy directed major business transactions and the evaluation and implementation of business development opportunities in the Sharp system. He became president and CEO in April 1996. Prior to joining the Sharp HealthCare organization, Murphy worked in the public accounting industry specializing in health care, most recently as a partner with Deloitte and Touche, an international accounting and consulting firm.

A graduate of California State University at Long Beach, Murphy is a Certified Public Accountant. He serves as a board member for the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and is a member of their Management Council. He also is a member of the American Hospital Association's Health Care Systems Governing Council, The Advisory Board's First Advisors to the Health System of the Future Initiative, and the Health Insights Foundation. Additionally, Murphy is a member and supporter of several organizations, including the San Diego Rotary Club, the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, the Union of Pan Asian Communities and the YMCA.

Founded in 1951, Jack in the Box Inc. is the nation's first major drive-thru hamburger chain. The San Diego-based company operates or franchises more than 1,850 quick-serve restaurants in 17 states and has 43,000 employees. For more information on the company, visit its Web site at www.jackinthebox.com.