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Recognition of President Gordon B. Hinckley

[Salt Lake City, Utah] - It is with heavy hearts and significant gratitude that we recognize the passing of President Gordon Bitner Hinckley, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President Hinckley was an exemplar of community building, with a vision of a broader, greater and more peaceful community and world. As an ambassador of goodwill to the peoples of all nations, President Hinckley also reflected this hope that he shared with many of those who live in Salt Lake City – the city he called home.

It is fitting that among his recent honors were those by the Salt Lake Chamber as a “Giant in Our City,” and the Utah League of Cities and Towns as “Citizen of the Century.” These awards are descriptive of his active participation in Salt Lake City public affairs. We express appreciation for his commitment and dedication to successfully reaching out to people of all faiths. His ability to listen and understand the concerns, messages, and needs of all have helped to develop a positive and fruitful working relationship in the community.

President Hinckley had many distinctive attributes. He served the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for many years, and has built a bridge between the past and the future through technological advances. His relationships with noted individuals, leaders of nations, the media and with members of the LDS faith has created a foundation for constructive dialogue. He has encouraged individuals with the desire, strength, and energy to move forward with their own visions and dreams, building on his example and legacy of commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with President Hinckley on many significant projects in our downtown. His leadership has provided Salt Lake City with the unprecedented construction of church buildings, cultural facilities, and grand public spaces. He has been ever constant in his steady and sure confidence in the success of Salt Lake City. His focus has always remained on the people, though the projects supported by his influence have significantly added to the legacy of our built environment and will surely be regarded in the lives of many residents of and visitors to Salt Lake City for generations to come.

We express our deepest sympathies to those of his family, loved ones and followers who now mourn his passing. His legacy of service and devotion to family, church and community, and to the world will remain in our hearts.

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