SENATE BILL 912

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, to designate milk as the official state beverage.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's dairy industry produced nearly 100 million pounds of milk in 2007, with cash receipts for milk and milk products totaling nearly \$202 million; and

WHEREAS, because of its many health benefits, milk is widely considered to be a "super drink"; and

WHEREAS, milk is an essential component in building strong muscle and bones in children and mending injured muscle and bones in adults; and

WHEREAS, milk helps build strong and healthy teeth and reduce the incidence of cavities; and

WHEREAS, milk helps produce healthy hair, skin, and nails among its many millions of satisfied consumers; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Milk is designated as the official state beverage.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.