SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE SHAVE ICE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SNACK OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

WHEREAS, because of Hawaii's historically diverse culture, the State is often celebrated around the world as being a place of many unique tastes and flavors; and

WHEREAS, one of these unique foods is shave ice, which came to Hawaii by way of Japanese sugar plantation laborers; and

WHEREAS, as these Japanese plantation laborers began transitioning from the plantations to opening their own local businesses, they would often offer shave ice in their stores, which became extremely popular among Hawaii residents; and

WHEREAS, although variations of shave ice exist around the world under different names, the shave ice in Hawaii is particularly unique in how the ice is cut and the variety of toppings and other treats incorporated in the snack; and

WHEREAS, even today, shave ice continues to be popular with local residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, former President of the United States Barack Obama enjoys eating shave ice with his family when he visits Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, although several states have designated certain foods as state snacks, including Illinois, New York, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah, Hawaii does not have an official state snack; and

WHEREAS, declaring shave ice as the State's official state snack further celebrates the diverse food culture in Hawaii and

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creates a stronger association with the State and one of its
most iconic snacks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
requested to issue a proclamation to designate shave ice as the
official state snack of the State of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

OFFERED BY: