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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, because of Hawaii's historically diverse culture,  
2 the State is often celebrated around the world as being a place  
3 of many unique tastes and flavors; and  
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5           WHEREAS, one of these unique foods is shave ice, which came  
6 to Hawaii by way of Japanese sugar plantation laborers; and  
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8           WHEREAS, as these Japanese plantation laborers began  
9 transitioning from the plantations to opening their own local  
10 businesses, they would often offer shave ice in their stores,  
11 which became extremely popular among Hawaii residents; and  
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13           WHEREAS, although variations of shave ice exist around the  
14 world under different names, the shave ice in Hawaii is  
15 particularly unique in how the ice is cut and the variety of  
16 toppings and other treats incorporated in the snack; and  
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18           WHEREAS, even today, shave ice continues to be popular with  
19 local residents and tourists; and  
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21           WHEREAS, former President of the United States Barack Obama  
22 enjoys eating shave ice with his family when he visits Hawaii;  
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25           WHEREAS, although several states have designated certain  
26 foods as state snacks, including Illinois, New York, South  
27 Carolina, Texas, and Utah, Hawaii does not have an official  
28 state snack; and  
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30           WHEREAS, declaring shave ice as the State's official state  
31 snack further celebrates the diverse food culture in Hawaii and  
32 creates a stronger association with the State and one of its  
33 most iconic snacks; now, therefore,  
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# S.R. NO. 75

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

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

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OFFERED BY:

