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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to designation of the state dessert;
3	creating s. 15.0522, F.S.; designating strawberry
4	shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping as the
5	official state dessert; providing an effective date.
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7	WHEREAS, more than 10,000 acres of strawberries are planted
8	annually in the greater Plant City area, accounting for 75
9	percent of the United States' winter strawberry crop, and
10	WHEREAS, beginning in the spring of 1930, and again in 1948
11	after a 6-year hiatus during and following World War II, the
12	Florida Strawberry Festival, held in Plant City and organized by
13	the Plant City Lions Club, was revived by American Legion Post
14	#26 and other area civic organizations, and
15	WHEREAS, each spring, the Florida Strawberry Festival
16	welcomes visitors from around the world to celebrate this slice
17	of Americana and the area's bountiful harvests, and
18	WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 strawberry shortcakes, the
19	festival's signature dessert, are served each year at the
20	Florida Strawberry Festival, making it a staple among festival
21	attendees, and
22	WHEREAS, strawberry shortcake is a dessert consisting of a
23	base of shortcake, which resembles a biscuit with a touch of
24	cake, a layer of sweet, sliced strawberries, and a healthy
25	dollop of whipped cream, and
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WHEREAS, in 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records recognized Plant City as home of the biggest shortcake in the world, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Section 15.0522, Florida Statutes, is created to read: <u>15.0522 Official state dessert.-Strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping is designated as the official Florida state dessert.</u> Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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