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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII NAME A SCHOOL, BUILDING, ROAD, OR
AREA UNDER ITS CONTROL AFTER PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA.

1 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama was born to Barack Obama, Sr.
2 and Ann Dunham on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

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4 WHEREAS, Barack Obama spent his formative years attending
5 high school at Punahou School on the island of Oahu; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 1985, Barack Obama began working on the south
8 side of Chicago as a community organizer for low-income
9 residents in the Roseland and the Altgeld Gardens communities;
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12 WHEREAS, in 1991, Barack Obama graduated magna cum laude
13 from Harvard Law School; and

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15 WHEREAS, after being elected to the Illinois Senate in
16 1996, Barack Obama drafted legislation on ethics and worked to
17 expand health care services and early childhood education
18 programs for low-income families; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 2005, Barack Obama was sworn in as a United
21 States senator representing Illinois, and was only the third
22 African American to hold a United States Senate seat since
23 Reconstruction; and

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25 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as
26 the forty-fourth president of the United States of America; and

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28 WHEREAS, under President Obama's leadership, the United
29 States economy has thrived, the national deficit has shrunk by
30 two-thirds, and the national unemployment rate has dropped below
31 5.3 percent; and
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1 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Obama, the
2 landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was passed,
3 allowing more than sixteen million Americans to have affordable
4 and quality health care; and
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6 WHEREAS, additional accomplishments of President Obama
7 include ending United States combat operations in Iraq, winning
8 the Nobel Peace Prize, signing into law the Dodd-Frank Wall
9 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and beginning the
10 process of normalizing relations with Cuba; and
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12 WHEREAS, President Obama is one of numerous individuals of
13 African American heritage who have played integral roles in the
14 history of Hawaii, including Anthony D. Allen, Betsey Stockton,
15 Thomas McCants Stewart, Alice Ball, Helene Hale, and William F.
16 Crockett; and
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18 WHEREAS, President Obama's legacy includes not just his
19 historic role as the first African American United States
20 president, but also his tireless dedication as a progressive and
21 forward thinking leader; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
26 Transportation, University of Hawaii System, Department of
27 Education, and Department of Accounting and General Services are
28 requested to create a plan to name a school, building, road,
29 park, or other property under the control of the State in honor
30 of President Barack Obama; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
33 Transportation, University of Hawaii System, Department of
34 Education, and Department of Accounting and General Services are
35 requested to submit a joint report of the status of the plan to
36 the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening
37 of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
40 and the Arts is requested to commission a statue of President
41 Barack Obama to be located on state or federal property; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 3 of Transportation, Comptroller, President of the University of
 4 Hawaii System, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
 5 Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the State
 6 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and President Barack Obama.
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