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SENATE 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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33 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Obama, the
34 landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was passed,
35 allowing more than sixteen million Americans to have affordable
36 and quality health care; and



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



1 Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the State
 2 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and President Barack Obama.
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