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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO COORDINATE WITH VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO CREATE A PLAN TO NAME A SCHOOL, BUILDING, ROAD, PARK, OR OTHER PROPERTY UNDER STATE 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, Barack Obama began working on the south side of
8 Chicago as a community organizer for low-income residents in the
9 Roseland and the Altgeld Gardens communities; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 1991, Barack Obama graduated magna cum laude
12 from Harvard Law School; and
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14 WHEREAS, after being elected to the Illinois Senate in
15 1996, Barack Obama drafted legislation on ethics and worked to
16 expand health care services and early childhood education
17 programs for low-income families; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2005, Barack Obama was sworn in as a United
20 States senator representing Illinois, and was only the third
21 African American to hold a United States Senate seat since
22 Reconstruction; and
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24 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as
25 the forty-fourth president of the United States of America; and
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27 WHEREAS, under President Obama's leadership, the United
28 States economy thrived, the national deficit shrank by two-
29 thirds, and the national unemployment rate dropped below 5.3
30 percent; and
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32 WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Obama, the
33 landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was passed,



1 allowing more than sixteen million Americans to have affordable
2 and quality health care; and

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4 WHEREAS, additional accomplishments of President Obama
5 include ending United States combat operations in Iraq, winning
6 the Nobel Peace Prize, signing into law the Dodd-Frank Wall
7 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and beginning the
8 process of normalizing relations with Cuba; and

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10 WHEREAS, President Obama is one of numerous individuals of
11 African American heritage who have played integral roles in the
12 history of Hawaii, including Anthony D. Allen, Betsey Stockton,
13 Thomas McCants Stewart, Alice Ball, Helene Hale, and William F.
14 Crockett; and

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16 WHEREAS, President Obama's legacy includes not just his
17 historic role as the first African American United States
18 president, but also his tireless dedication as a progressive and
19 forward thinking leader; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
23 that the Governor is requested to coordinate with various state
24 agencies including but not limited to the Department of
25 Transportation, University of Hawaii System, Department of
26 Education, and Department of Accounting and General Services to
27 create a plan to name a school, building, road, park, or other
28 property under the control of the State in honor of President
29 Barack Obama; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
32 submit a joint report of the status of the plan to the
33 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of
34 the Regular Session of 2018; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
37 and the Arts is requested to commission a statue of President
38 Barack Obama to be located on state or federal property; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
42 Transportation, Comptroller, President of the University of



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1 Hawaii System, Chairperson of the Board of Education,
 2 Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the State
 3 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and President Barack Obama.
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