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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING THE SERPENT'S HEAD COWRY SHELL AS THE  
HAWAII STATE SEA SHELL.

1           WHEREAS, the *Monetaria caputserpentis*, commonly known as  
2 the serpent's-head cowry, is a species of cowry, a sea snail, a  
3 marine gastropod mollusk and is in the family Cypraeidae; and  
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5           WHEREAS, this species occurs in the Red Sea, Indian Ocean,  
6 tropical Indo-West Pacific, Australia and the Philippines, and  
7 lives on corals, rock reefs and rocky shores from the intertidal  
8 zone down to depths of two hundred meters; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the snake head or the serpent's head cowry is the  
11 most common type of cowry snail found in Hawaii; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the shell of the serpent's head cowry is  
14 considered one of the most beautiful cowry shells; now,  
15 therefore,  
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17           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature declares  
20 the serpent's head cowry shell as the Hawaii State sea shell;  
21 and  
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, and the  
25 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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