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SENATE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING 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, or sea snail,
3 which is a marine gastropod mollusk and is in the family
4 Cypraeidae; and
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6 WHEREAS, this species occurs in the Red Sea, Indian Ocean,
7 tropical Indo-West Pacific, Australia, and the Philippines, and
8 lives on corals, rock reefs, and rocky shores from the
9 intertidal zone down to depths of two hundred meters; and
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11 WHEREAS, the snake head or the serpent's head cowry is the
12 most common type of cowry found in Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, the shell of the serpent's head cowry is
15 considered one of the most beautiful cowry shells; now,
16 therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
20 that the serpent's head cowry shell be designated as the Hawaii
21 state sea shell; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of
25 the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY: 


