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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO BUILD
AND ERECT A STATUE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

1 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama was born to Barack Obama,
2 Sr., and Ann Dunham on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and
3 spent his formative years attending high school at Punahou
4 School on the island of Oahu; and
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6 WHEREAS, after being elected to the Illinois Senate in
7 1996, Barack Obama drafted legislation on ethics and worked to
8 expand health care services and early childhood education
9 programs for low-income families; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 2005, Barack Obama was sworn in as a United
12 States senator representing Illinois, and was only the third
13 African American to hold a United States Senate seat since
14 Reconstruction; and
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16 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as
17 the forty-fourth president of the United States of America; and
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19 WHEREAS, under President Obama's leadership, the United
20 States economy thrived, the national deficit shrank by two-
21 thirds, the national unemployment rate dropped below 5.3
22 percent, and the landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care
23 Act was passed, allowing more than sixteen million Americans to
24 have affordable and quality health care; and
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26 WHEREAS, President Obama is one of a select group of
27 individuals of African American heritage who have played
28 integral roles in the history of Hawaii, including Anthony D.
29 Allen, Betsey Stockton, Thomas McCants Stewart, Alice Ball,
30 Helene Hale, and William F. Crockett; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
34 that the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is



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1 requested to build and erect a statue of President Barack Obama
2 within the State Capitol district; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
6 Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Board of
7 Commissioners of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the
8 Arts.

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