
HOUSE 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, that this body declares the serpent's head cowry shell
20 as the Hawaii State sea shell; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, and the Chairperson
24 of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

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