
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2748 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY EACHUS, SURRA, COHEN, STURLA, BEAR, BENNINGTON,
CONKLIN, CUTLER, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, HARKINS,
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MENSCH, MOYER, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, SAINATO,
SIPTROTH, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, PARKER, PAYNE AND SCHRODER,
AUGUST 28, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 28, 2008

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting the Regal Fritillary
2 butterfly as the official State butterfly of the Commonwealth
3 of Pennsylvania.

4 Whereas, The only place in the Northeast to witness the
5 exuberant flight of the Regal Fritillary butterfly is at Fort
6 Indiantown Gap, home to the Pennsylvania National Guard; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard's expertise on the
8 Regal Fritillary butterfly led to a contract with The Nature
9 Conservancy to assist with the care of this beautiful insect in
10 its natural habitat; and

11 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap is not only a place to witness
12 these amazing creatures, it is also a thoughtful reminder of the
13 men and women who have courageously and selflessly fought and
14 died for our country, our fallen heroes; and

15 WHEREAS, In many cultures around the world, the butterfly is
16 the symbol of reincarnation and rebirth; and

1 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap is the resting place of many
2 heroes, and naming the Regal Fritillary butterfly the
3 Pennsylvania State Butterfly in their honor would be a small
4 tribute to their ultimate sacrifice; and

5 WHEREAS, The beauty and grace of this butterfly will serve as
6 a tribute to our fallen heroes, and it can bring a sense of joy
7 to all citizens of this Commonwealth.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Official State butterfly.

11 The Regal Fritillary butterfly is hereby selected, designated
12 and adopted as the official State butterfly of the Commonwealth
13 of Pennsylvania.

14 Section 2. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.