
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 810 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY EACHUS, SWANGER, SURRA, COHEN, JAMES, PARKER,
SAINATO, GIBBONS, READSHAW, GEORGE, FRANKEL, PALLONE, MELIO,
THOMAS, BRENNAN, HENNESSEY, KULA, BENNINGTON, GEIST, STURLA,
VULAKOVICH, MYERS, MAHONEY, CUTLER, MUSTIO, PHILLIPS,
K. SMITH, BEAR, RAPP, RAMALEY, MOYER, SIPTROTH, CONKLIN,
HARKINS, HERSHEY, MARSICO, MENSCH AND PAYNE, JUNE 20, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 20, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Governor to proclaim the Regal Fritillary
2 butterfly as the Pennsylvania State Butterfly.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap is the resting place of many

1 heroes, and naming the Regal Fritillary butterfly the
2 Pennsylvania State Butterfly in their honor would be a small
3 tribute to their ultimate sacrifice; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
8 Governor to proclaim the Regal Fritillary butterfly as the
9 official Pennsylvania State Butterfly.