

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5627

To adopt the monarch butterfly as the national butterfly of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 5, 2016

Mr. RIBBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) The monarch butterfly is almost certainly  
6       the most widely recognized of all butterflies in the  
7       United States.

8               (2) The monarch butterfly population is widely  
9       distributed across the United States, from Maine to  
10      Hawaii.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE MONARCH**  
2 **BUTTERFLY AS THE NATIONAL BUTTERFLY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The insect commonly known as  
4 the “monarch butterfly” (*Danaus plexippus*) is adopted as  
5 the national butterfly of the United States.

6 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
7 or the adoption of the monarch butterfly as the national  
8 butterfly of the United States shall be construed or used  
9 as a reason to alter, change, modify, or otherwise affect  
10 any plan, policy, management decision, regulation, or  
11 other action by the Federal Government.

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