

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 47

Short Title: Adopt Carolina Lily as State Wildflower. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Baker.

Referred to: State Government.

February 20, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA LILY AS THE OFFICIAL WILDFLOWER
3 OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, North Carolina is blessed with an abundance of wildflowers from
5 the mountains to the coast; and

6 Whereas, the Carolina Lily is a scarce and beautiful flower that is found
7 throughout North Carolina in upland pine-oak woods and pocosins; and

8 Whereas, the Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is named for the distinguished
9 French botanist Andre Michaux who traveled widely in the southeastern United States;
10 and

11 Whereas, this magnificent flower bears the name of our great State; and

12 Whereas, the State of North Carolina does not have an official wildflower;

13 Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
16 new section to read:

17 "**§ 145-18. State wildflower.**

18 The Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is adopted as the official wildflower of the
19 State of North Carolina."

20 **SECTION 2.** The title of Chapter 145 of the General Statutes reads as
21 rewritten:

22 "Chapter 145.

23 State Flower, Bird, Tree, Shell, Mammal, Fish, Insect, Stone, ~~Reptile and Reptile~~, Rock,
24 Beverage, Historical Boat, Language, Dog, Military Academy, Tartan, ~~and~~ Watermelon
25 ~~Festival~~ Festivals, and Wildflower."

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.