

Firefly could become Indiana's state insect

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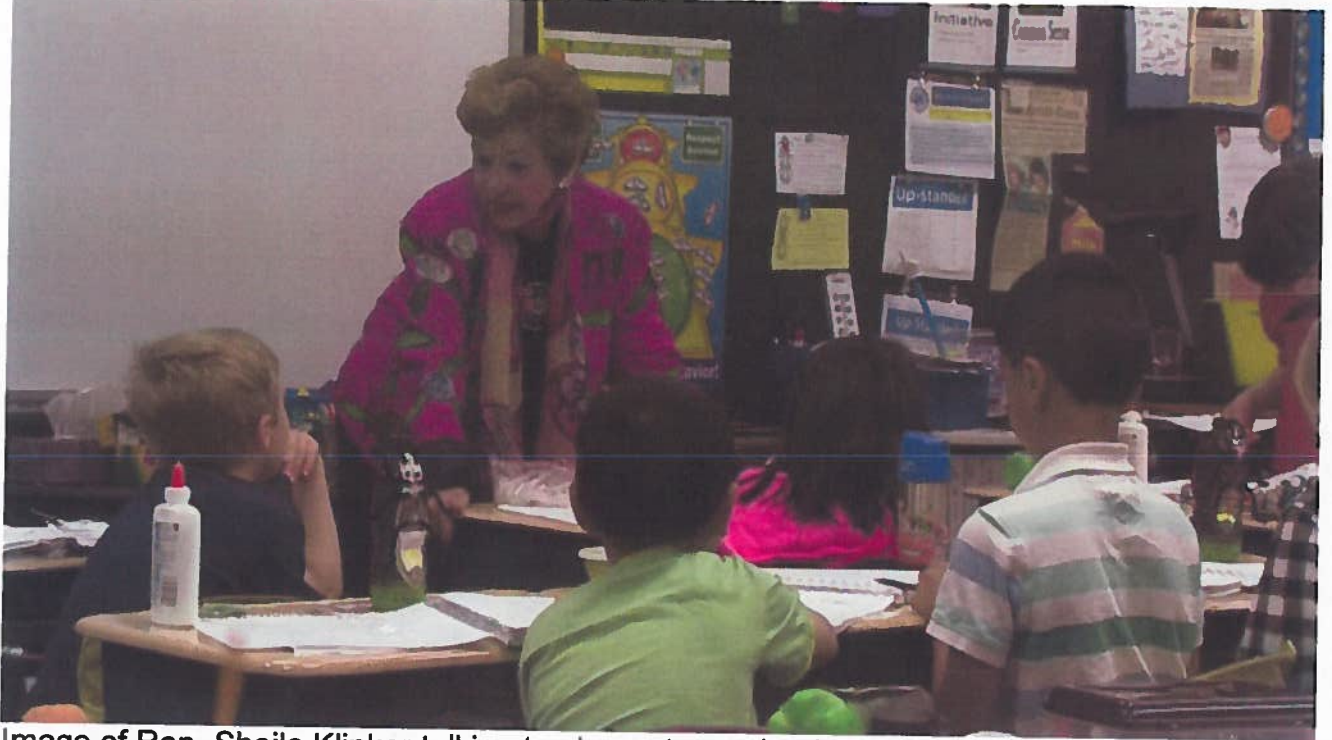


Image of Rep. Sheila Klinker talking to elementary school students courtesy WLFI. WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A northern Indiana lawmaker says she'll sponsor a bill next session that would make the firefly the state's official insect.

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Students rally to name the firefly Indiana's state insect

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The class started writing postcards to State Sen. Ron Alting and State Reps. Sheila Klinker and Randy Truitt.

The effort to make the firefly the state insect was attempted in the '90s, but failed because one state senator refused to hear the bill.

Cumberland student Kayla Xu hopes the attempt will be successful this time.

"One senator just said no," Xu explained. "He wouldn't say yes to it. Good thing now that he's not a senator because if he was still, I guess, Indiana wouldn't have one."

A small rally was held Wednesday morning with Purdue Entomology Professor Tom Turpin, who enlightened listeners about fireflies.

Turpin said he applauds the students' efforts.

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An effort was previously made to name the firefly as the state insect in the 1990s, but the bill failed due to one state senator refusing to hear it. Cumberland students hope their attempt will be successful this time around.

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