

## H.B. 5174 An act to establish a Children's State Flower

I would like Connecticut to be a place where any girl who dreams of being a botanist, a doctor, a chemist, is encouraged and supported by her community and has the opportunities and resources to pursue her interest in the sciences. Thanks to the efforts of the Petit Family Foundation, the Four O'Clock flower is a powerful symbol of just that. As foundation volunteers and families across the state plant, harvest, package, and share the seeds of Michaela's Four O'Clocks, they are participating in a community that promises to encourage the aspirations and potential of our young people. Connecticut should adopt this symbol, and by so doing we would embrace the promise and commitment that this flower has come to represent.

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