



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5534

LCO No. 2852



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, THE STATE AMPHIBIAN, THE TOWN OF ENFIELD AS THE GATEWAY TO CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE ROCK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The state of Connecticut
2 shall be known as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America,
3 the largest youth organization in the country, which originated in
4 Hartford in 1860 as the Dashaway Club, founded by Mary Goodwin,
5 Alice Goodwin, Elizabeth Hamersley and Louisa Bushnell to get boys
6 off the streets and give them productive activities.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The spring peeper, *Pseudacris*
8 *crucifer*, shall be the state amphibian.

9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The town of Enfield shall be
10 known as the gateway to Connecticut.

11 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Housatonic marble shall be

12 the state rock.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To designate the state as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the spring peeper as the state amphibian, the town of Enfield as the gateway to Connecticut and Housatonic marble as the state rock.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]