

Alice Wilkerson on behalf of a minor child

Favorable HB802

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I am testifying in favor of HB802 to make the purple pitcher plant the state carnivorous plant. First of all, carnivorous plants are amazing because they are a predator, and they are a plant. I think the purple pitcher plant is the best because it is the only carnivorous plant that is native to Maryland. They also have a cool way for feeding on prey. The prey is lured by bright colors and sweet nectar, then they enter the purple pitcher plant's deep pouch and get digested. I also think purple pitcher plant's are awesome because we have one in our yard, and it survived through the snow and ice. Purple is also an important symbolic color for Maryland because of the Baltimore Ravens. Another name for the purple pitcher plant is "turtle socks," which connects to our state reptile, the diamondback terrapin. By naming the purple pitcher plant the state carnivorous plant, more people will learn about them, and hopefully they'll plant them like we did instead of invasive plants, which is better for the environment.

Thank you for listening, please vote in favor of HB802.

