

One Hundred Seventh Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,  
the third day of January, two thousand and one*

Concurrent Resolution

Whereas the study of fossils has shown that the rose has been a native wild flower in North America for over 35,000,000 years;

Whereas the rose is grown today in every State in the United States;

Whereas the rose has long been used to symbolize love, friendship, beauty, peace, and the devotion of the people of the United States to their Nation;

Whereas the rose has been cultivated and grown in gardens for over 5,000 years, and is referred to in both the Old and New Testaments;

Whereas the rose has for many years captivated the affection of humankind and it has been revered in art, music, and literature;

Whereas George Washington was a breeder of roses and one of his varieties, named after his mother, is still grown today;

Whereas in 1986 the rose was designated as the national floral emblem of the United States; and

Whereas the American Rose Society has designated 2002 as the Year of the Rose: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—*

(1) supports the goals of the Year of the Rose; and

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(2) encourages the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Attest:

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*