

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Designating 2002 as the “Year of the Rose”.

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

Whereas the rose is grown today in every State;

Whereas the rose has long represented love, friendship, beauty, peace, and the devotion of the American people to their country;

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 been the favorite flower of the American people, has captivated the affection of humankind, and has been revered and renowned in art, music, and literature;

Whereas our first President was also our first rose breeder, 1 of his varieties being named after his mother and still being grown today; and

Whereas in 1986 the rose was designated and adopted as the national floral emblem of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2    *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3    That Congress—

4            (1) designates the year of 2002 as the “Year of  
5        the Rose”; and  
6            (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-  
7        tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-  
8        serve the year with appropriate ceremonies and ac-  
9        tivities.

Passed the Senate December 18, 2001.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

107TH CONGRESS  
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