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[S.J. Res. 159]

To designate the rose as the national floral emblem.

Whereas the study of fossils has shown that the rose has been a native wild flower in America for over thirty-five million years; Whereas the rose is grown today in every State;

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

Whereas the rose has been cultivated and grown in gardens for over five thousand 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 human kind, and has been revered and renowned in art, music, and literature;

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

Whereas the United States is without a national flower: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the flower commonly known as the rose is designated and adopted as the national floral emblem of the United States of America, and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to declare such fact by proclamation.

36 USC 187.

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