

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 292

Supporting the goals of the Year of the Rose.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mr. McCRERY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals of the Year of the Rose.

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

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

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

4        and

5            (2) encourages the President to issue a procla-  
6        mation calling on the people of the United States to  
7        observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and  
8        activities.

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