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October 21, 1985

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Dear Mr. Kline:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter requesting the attendance of the Queen of the 1986 Rose Parade and Mr. Frederick D. Johnson, President of the Tournament of Roses Association at a signing ceremony declaring the rose as the National floral emblem.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that due to the heavy demands on his schedule, he will be unable to grant your request. However, he asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and to extend to you his very best wishes.

Sincerely.

PREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Richard S. Kline Chairman of the Board Berkhemer & Kline, Inc. Suite 250 261 South Figueros Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

#### **MEMORANDUM**

October 9, 1985

TO:

M.B. OGLESBY

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ:

REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING

SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT:

Signing ceremony for the declaration of the rose as the national floral emblem -- attendance by the Queen of the 1986 Rose Parade and the President of the Tournament of

Roses Parade

DATE:

open

LOCATION:

The White House or Santa Barbara, California

BACKGROUND: See attached

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE: OCTOBER 14, 1985 TO ANN BROCKOR

Berkhemer & Kline Inc.
Public Relations. Publicity.
261 South Figueroa Street • Suite 250 • Los Angeles, California 90012 • (213) 620-5711

September 30, 1985

Mr. Frederick J. Ryan Director of Presidential Scheduling The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses is delighted that the rose is about to become America's "national floral emblem" -- and for good reason. The Tournament of Roses presents the country's best known "rose related" events, the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl football game.

The rose has probably gained more prominence in America as its unofficial symbol because of the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game than any other single event, reason or source.

The Rose Queen, the epitome of the "girl next door" is also the symbol of the beauty, charm and grace of America's roses. Since 1891, Rose Queens have raised the nation's consciousness of the rose each year to the level that today no events throughout the world are more associated with the rose than the Rose parade and the Rose Bowl football game.

When President Reagan officially proclaims the rose America's national flower, we feel it would be especially fitting for the Queen of the 1986 Rose Parade and the President of the Tournament of Roses Association, Mr. Frederick D. Johnson, Jr., to be present in the White House Rose Garden. The Rose Queen would be prepared to exchange a rose from her garden at Pasadena's Tournament of Roses headquarters, with one from the President to inaugurate and celebrate the naming of our new national flower.

Mr. Frederick J. Ryan Page Two

The Rose Queen and Tournament President Johnson will be glad to meet with President Reagan at either a bill signing or other event honoring the rose. If more convenient, such an event could take place in Santa Barbara at the Western White House, only a rose petal's throw from Pasadena.

We appreciate your consideration and await your reply.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Kline Chairman of the Board

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# OPINION / editorials, letter

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## **EDITORIALS**

# Coming up roses

The U.S. Senate's approval of the rose as the "national floral emblem" is long overdue. In non-Washington English, that means the rose may be about to become the nation's official flower.

House of Representatives action is needed to finalize the decision, but few thorns seem to stand in the Senate resolution's way. The senators' unanimous action came as something of a surprise, since the rose had not been a leading contender in the periodic national flower debates of recent years.

But no one in the city most Americans associate with the rose - Pasadena, of course should be anything but thrilled. It proves, as Tournament of Roses publicist Bill Flinn wryly notes, "that we made the right decision back in 1889."

It turns out that Pasadena was nearly the home of the Tournament of Oranges, in honor of the plentiful orange groves hereabouts. But roses were just as ubiquitous, a far-handier flower with which to festoon the buggies and carriages of those early days of Pasadena, and certainly more romantic.

Nationally, the official-flower debate has been a fertile one indeed. In the '60s, the late Sen. Everett Dirksen never seemed to tire in his campaign on behalf of adding the marigold to the eagle as part of a national emblem. But support for that cherry blossom seemed to die along with the Illinois Republican in 1969. Since then, backing has cropped up at various times for the sunflower, the Shasta daisy, the violet, the carnation and in grass.

Yet it's only proper that the rose should bloom most brightly. After all, national polls show it's the nation's favorite flower. The rose grows in all 50 states and has been a native wildflower in this country for more than 35 million years. And its designation will be a tribute to the nation's first Washington, George, who is believed to have been the first U.S. rose breeder.

Meanwhile, Capitol Hill rose-lovers have even suggested a good spot for President Reagan's proclamation signing — the White House Rose Garden. Perhaps the former California governor, though, will do the honor in the perfect place — Pasadena on New Year's Day . . .

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525 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, 91109 {213} 578-6300/MORNING/EVENING/SUNDAY

October 2, 1985

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

We at the Star-News in Pasadena are encouraged by the prospect of the rose's designation as the national floral emblem of the United States. Before signing legislation authorizing such a decision, which we trust you will, please consider the suggestion we've offered in our Sept. 19 editorial.

Selecting the site we've recommended for the signing ceremony has obvious appeal. And as a California resident, you are fully aware of the importance of the rose to the City of Pasadena and the News Year's Day parade watched by many millions of people around the globe.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,

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HANNIBAL TAVARES
Mayor
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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR COUNTY OF MAU! WAILUKU, MAU!, HAWA!! 96793

January 20, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I ask you to support H. R. 1052, introduced by Congressman Andy Jacobs, to establish the song "America the Beautiful" as our national anthem in place of the "Star Spangled Banner".

People want to be excited and proud of their national anthem. It should be a song the average person can sing easily. The "Star Spangled Banner" is a song that is best sung by professional vocalists.

In contrast, "America the Beautiful" is a great tune, an inspiring and entertaining song, and it is fun to sing.

I am not a musician, but I know a good song when I hear one and when I sing one. In Hawaii, many of our thoughts and feelings are expressed through beautiful songs. Accordingly, "America the Beautiful" describes the land and arouses feelings of love for our country. It is a song of peace, not war!

In recent years, several polls have revealed that public sentiment heartily endorses "America the Beautiful" over the "Star Spangled Banner".

I am very glad to see that the movement to change our anthem has reached the halls of Congress. Please lend your support to Congressman Jacobs' proposal, H. R. 1052.

Very truly yours,

HANNIBAL TAVARES

Mayor, County of Maui

April 15, 1986

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Dear Mayor Halstead:

Thank you for your letter outlining your plans for the President to participate in a ceremony marking the "Nancy Reagan" rose as our national flower. We appreciate knowing of your desire to include President and Mrs. Reagan in a number of corresponding events that you feel they would very much enjoy.

What with all of these excellent opportunities you have offered them, it is indeed with regret that I must inform you there is not a time in the foreseeable future when we can arrange any one of these.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness of President and Mrs. Reagan, and please know you have their best wishes.

Sincerely,

PREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Charles R. Halstead Mayor of Tyler Tyler, TX 75710

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

#### MEMORANDUM

April 4, 1986

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FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR

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PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

OFFICE -

SUBJ:

REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING

SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT:

Request for President and Mrs. Reagan to attend a

ceremony signing into law the rose as the national floral emblem and the unveiling of a nationally patented rose to

be called the "Nancy Reagan" rose

DATE:

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LOCATION:

Tyler, Texas

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE: April 11, 1986

TO JEAN APPLEBY





### CITY OF TYLER

OFFICE!

CHARLES HALSTEAD, MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBERS: LES RATLIFF, JR. JERRY D. RUSSELL LLOYD V. NAULS TED KAMEL MAX FREEMAN HOLLIS PINYAN

GARY GWYN, CITY MANAGER

February 18, 1986

Mr. Frederick J. Ryan, Jr.
Director, Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that Tyler Junior College has invited President Reagan to come to Tyler, Texas, and speak at the TJC 60th Anniversary Convocation on a date this fall. Coincidental with this invitation, I would like to call several items to your attention. There is currently proposed legislation in Congress to make the rose the national floral emblem. This has passed the Senate and is now in the House. Inasmuch as Tyler is known as the Rose Capital of America, we are vitally interested in this legislation. I, along with some Tyler Chamber of Commerce members recently lobbied many Congressmen, as well as presented rose bushes to each Congressman when we could contact them, in Washington, D.C. It is anticipated that the House vote on the rose as a national floral emblem should occur in the near future. Also, in May, 1984, I had the distinct pleasure to be one of a delegation of five who brought some Tyler rose bushes to the White House for planting in the White House garden; and, at that time, we visited with the President.

We have been discussing the possibility that a nationally-patented rose could be developed in this time frame, and which rose we would like to refer to as the "Nancy Reagan" rose.

We would like to offer this package, and this day could be very special for several reasons:

- . Tyler Junior College 60th Anniversary Convocation;
- . signing into law the rose as the national floral emblem;
- the unveiling of a nationally-patented rose to be referred to as the "Nancy Reagan" rose; and
- . the Texas Sesquicentennial year.

Mr. Frederick J. Ryan, Jr. February 18, 1986 Page 2

If all the pieces come together, and I believe they can, I feel the President and Mrs. Reagan would find this occasion to be a highlight in the President's illustrious career.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have, and we will work with you in any way that you suggest, hopeful that we will receive a favorable reply. I remain

Yours very truly,

Charles R. Halstead

Mayor, City of Tyler, Texas

CRH: rmr

xc: Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, President, Tyler Junior College

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JAY B. STEPHENS ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled S.J. Res. 159--National Floral Emblem

We have reviewed the referenced joint resolution and have no legal objection to the President signing it.

For your information we note that four states and the District of Columbia have designated the rose (or a type of rose) as state flower: Georgia (Cherokee rose); Iowa (wild rose); New York (rose); North Dakota (wild prairie rose); and District of Columbia (American Beauty rose). Also, many countries have designated the rose as their national flower: Bulgaria (red rose); Czechoslovakia (rose); England (red tudor rose); Iran (red rose); Iraq (rose); Italy (rose); Luxembourg (rose); Rumania (dog rose); and Turkey (rose).

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM:

VICKI MASTERMAN

SUBJECT:

S.J. Res. 159--National Floral Emblem

The attached enrolled resolution adopts and designates the rose as the national floral emblem and requests the President to issue a proclamation making such a declaration. I have attached a memorandum from you to David Chew stating we have no legal objection to the resolution.

Even though there are no legal problems with the resolution, three points are worth noting. First, the resolution states as justification for making the rose our national flower the fact that the rose is "referred to in both the Old and New Testaments." Biblical reference is not a universally acceptable rationale for selecting our national flower. Second, four states and the District of Columbia have designated the rose (or a type of rose) as state flower: Georgia (Cherokee rose); Iowa (wild rose); New York (rose); North Dakota (wild prairie rose); and District of Columbia (American Beauty rose). Third, Many countries have designated the rose as their national flower: Bulgaria (red rose); Czechoslovakia (rose); England (red tudor rose); Iran (red rose); Iraq (rose); Italy (rose); Luxembourg (rose); Rumania (dog rose); and Turkey (rose). [This is not to suggest the United States must select as a floral emblem a flower different from all states and other nations; I just thought you may find this information interesting.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Please provide any recommendations directly to my office by Thursday, October 2nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

# Ainety-ninth Congress of the United States of America

#### AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six

## Joint Resolution

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.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

#### OCT 0 1 1986

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 159 - National Floral

Emblem

Sponsors - Sen. Johnston (D) Louisiana and 54 others

#### Last Day for Action

October 8, 1986 - Wednesday

#### Purpose

To designate the rose as the national flower.

#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Agriculture Department of Commerce

No objection
No objection

#### Discussion

S.J. Res. 159 adopts and designates the rose as the national floral emblem, and requests the President to issue a proclamation making such a declaration. A proclamation will be forwarded separately for your consideration.

The text of S.J. Res. 159 states a number of reasons why this designation is appropriate, including that (1) the United States is currently without a national flower and (2) the rose is grown today in every State of the Union. S.J. Res. 159 passed both Houses by voice vote.

James C. Miller III

Director

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 25, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DONALD F. X. FINN

SUBJECT: SUBMITS A LIST OF ISSUES ON THE ROSE FOR

CONSIDERATION WHEN DECIDING TO NAME IT AS

THE NATIONAL FLORAL EMBLEM OF AMERICA

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

MAY I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WHEN DECIDING TO NAME THE ROSE AS THE NATIONAL FLORAL EMBLEM OF AMERICA.

- 1. THE ROSE IS THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF ENGLAND AS THE NATIONAL ARBOR ETUM WILL CONFIRM
- 2. THE VAST MAJORITY OF ROSES GROWN IN AMERICA ARE HYBRIDS AND ARE NOT NATIVE
- 3. THE BILL BEFORE YOU INCORRECTLY STATES THAT PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN ROSE BREEDER, THE HISTORIANS AT MT VERNON WILL CONFIRM THIS IS INCORRECT.
- 4. THE BILL BEFORE YOU STATES GEORGE WASHINGTON BRED A VARIETY OF ROSE IN HONOR OF HIS MOTHER. THE HISTORIANS AT MT VERNON WILL CONFIRM THIS IS INCORRECT. THIS MISINFORMATION IS A POPULAR MISCONCEPTION AND HAS BEEN URGED BY THE COMMERICAL ROSE GROWERS OF OREGON WHO NOW ADMIT THEY ARE IN ERROR.

BEST REGARDS

JEDB

DONALD F.X. FINN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR U.S. CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 26, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. NINA ARRABIT

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE PROCLAIMING THE ROSE AS THE

NATIONAL FLORAL EMBLEM OF THE USA AND

SUPPORTS THE SHASTA DAISY INSTEAD

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## SHASTA DAISY for NATIONAL FLOWER Campaign

P.O. Box 633, Luther Burbank Station Santa Rosa, California 95402

September 24, 1986

EXPRESS MAIL

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

Congress apparently has decided, by resolution, to "authorize and request" that you proclaim the "flower commonly known as the rose" as the national "floral emblem" of the United States of America.

We respectfully request that you decline to make such a proclamation, and ask that you consider these questions:

- 1. Which of the flowers "commonly known as the rose" does Congress have in mind as our emblem? Would it perhaps be the one which is already the symbol of England, or the one which represents the country of Iran? We would argue that the resolution is much too vague.
- 2. Would not the American public prefer a floral emblem completely unique to this country -- a flower created from American, European and Oriental plants, developed by the famous American plant breeder Luther Burbank -- the Shasta Daisy, now successfully grown by home gardeners in all fifty states?

Congress must have been exhausted from a busy legislative year, else the members would have done more homework before rushing the rose resolution through. Please give the Shasta Daisy's many supporters a chance to place a clear choice before Congress next year, by withholding your approval on this premature resolution.

Thank you,

Nina Arrabit, Chairman

Shasta Daisy for National Flower

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CARL W. SWANSON

SUBJECT: URGES A VETO OF THE NATIONAL FLOWER BILL AND

RECOMMENDS THE MARIGOLD VICE THE ROSE

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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I URGE YOU TO VETO NATIONAL FLOWER BILL. THE DELICATE ROSE DOES NOT TRULY REPRESENT THE RUGGED AMERICAN PEOPLE DO YOU REALIZE THAT WE ARE IMPORTING MORE ROSES EACH YEAR THE ROSE GROWERS HAVE ASKED FOR TARIFF PROTECTION TO HELP KEEP WHAT BUSINESS THEY HAVE LEFT DO WE WANT AN IMPORTED NATIONAL FLOWER AMERICANS ARE NOT KNOWN AS COPYCATS SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE THE ROSE AS IT'S NATIONAL FLOWER WE SHOULD BE UNIQUE TODAYS ROSE IS A RESULT OF CONSIDERABLE FOREIGN BREEDING THE ROSE IS NOT ONLY A LUXURY FLOWER BUT ONE THAT CANNOT BE EASILY GROWN THE MARIGOLD HAS BEEN BRED IN AMERICA IS EASILY GROWN AND THE FAVORITE FOR CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND SCHOOL PEOPLE IT IS KNOWN AS THE

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BILL MORRIS

SUBJECT: URGES AVOIDING SUPPORT OF THE U.S. CONGRESS RESOLUTION MAKING THE ROSE THE NATIONAL

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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To: Carl Anderson

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Special Assistant to the M
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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PRESIDENT RONALD REGAN
THE WHITEHOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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DEAR Mr. President:

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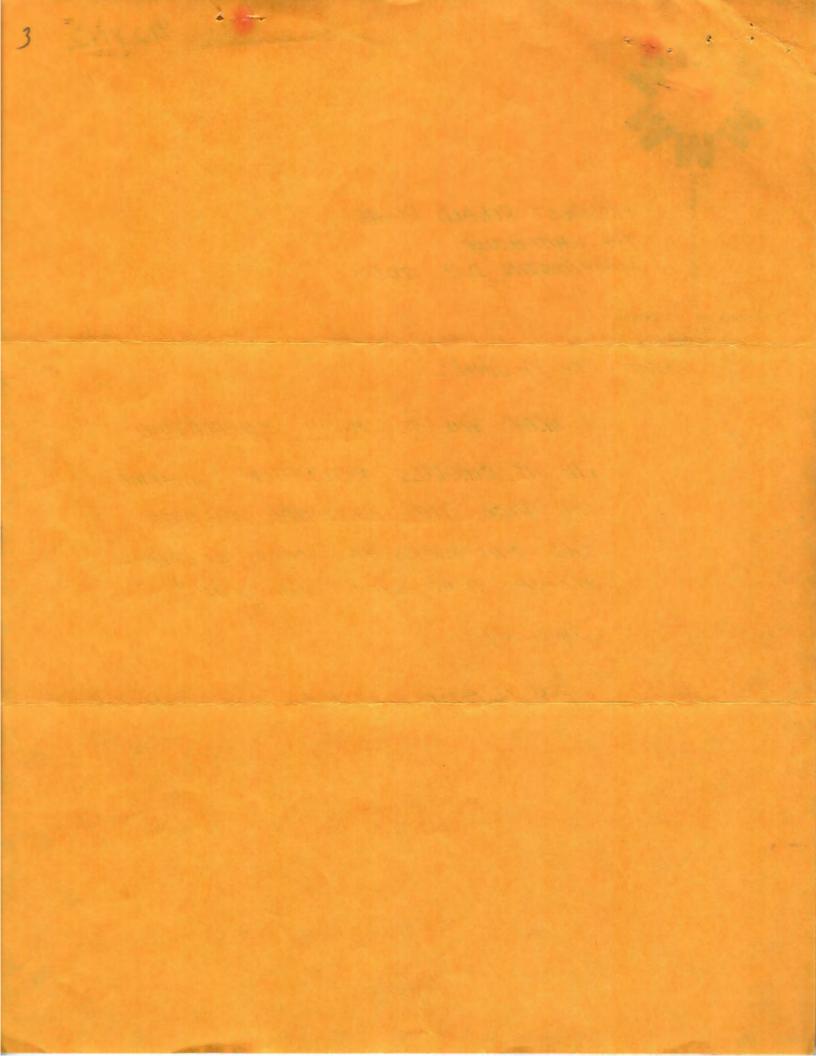
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PLEASE DON'T SPOIL BUT FUN!

Bill Morris



### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. C. JANE BONING

SUBJECT: FEELS THE MARIGOLD SHOULD BE SELECTED AS THE NATIONAL FLOWER AND URGES THE PRESIDENT TO

CONSIDER THIS REQUEST

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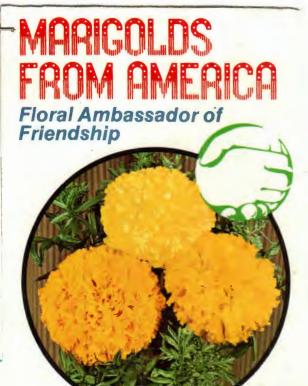
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# AMERICAN MARIGOLDS The Friendship Flower

Plant these seeds of friendship in a sunny place in your garden. In spring, when the soil is warm, plant the seeds and cover with about ½ cm. (¼") of soil. Keep the soil moist until the seedlings appear about 9 to 14 days later. Transplant them about 27 cm. (18") apart. These Marigolds will grow into large plants, about 42 cm. (26") tall, and will bloom for a long time.

Seeds of Friendship A Gift from America's Friendship Force

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C. Jane Boning
199 Spring Beauty Drive
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648

September 24, 1986

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. President,

The members of the Marigold Society of America, Inc. respectfully submit the enclosed information for your consideration.

The marigold versus the rose as a national floral emblem is a long-standing controversy and each flower has its champions.

However, information sent to our organization from your national committee studying the pros and cons of these two flowers, included the specifications by which the decision should be made. We feel the marigold meets these specifications. We are also questioning if this information was made available to the members of Congress before their voice vote.

The following page lists the items as they were presented to us and our response to each.

We hope you will give careful consideration to our request and delay a final decision on the selection of a national floral emblem at this time.

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C. Jane Boning

National vice president Marigold Society of America

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MSA Treasurer

## Marigold Society of America, Inc.

Specifications for selection of national floral emblem from Congressional House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service sub-committee on Census Population. Chairperson, Barbara L. Schwemle.

- Native to North America. Marigold species all native to New World, occur naturally in zones across southwestern USA and southward into Argentina. Two species grow as wildflowers in USA. The rose originates in China.
- 2. Not modified through selection, breeding, etc. (Does not apply to either plant nor indeed to the dandelion which has been hybridized.)
- 3. Easily recognized and showy. Applicable to both but marigold was chosen as most popular All-America Selections Winners of all time in 1984 on the 50th anniversary of AAS. Top vote went to First Lady, 2nd. most popular, Queen Sophia marigold. It outsells all other annuals in combined plant and seed sales and in 1987 will receive for the 2nd time, the designation of "Flower of the Year" by the National Garden Bureau. The Marigold is POPULAR.
- 4. Widespread, grows outdoors in every state, desirable and easily propagated. The marigold is not a state flower but grows in every state. Because of its beauty, brightness and vigor, it is the choice of gardeners and landscapers for home and city beautification projects. The marigolds beauty is visible throughout our nation's capital and the cities and towns of our United States. Flowers of the American marigold grow to diameters of 4-6 inches or more in white, yellow, gold and orange and bi-colors.

The smallest child can plant a marigold seed and watch it grow and bloom. Inexpensive, accessible, reliable and lovely, marigolds display their beauty even after dark.

5. Widely grown in the world as an ambassador to the United States. For many years marigold seed packets, labeled as "Friendship Flower of the United States" have been sent to countries throughout the world. In other lands, the marigold is known by its botanical name of 'Tagetes'.

A marigold wreath of flowers, Leis of Friendship, are presented to honored guests in Hawaii, India and Mexico. In 1986, MSA donated marigolds grown in its national garden at River Farm, Mount Vernon, to the Indian exhibit of the Smithsonian. Marigolds are used on every happy occasion in India.

6. Possesses historical origins. In an 1880 publication, American author James Vick wrote, "The marigold is so well-known that no general description will be necessary, they have been cultivated for more than 200 years. Colonial settlers and craftspeople of today, use the dried marigolds to produce a dye for hand-spun yarns. In Anchorage, Alaska, marigolds grow from the top of the sod roof at the Information center, reminiscent of the pioneers of the midwest who grew them as a bright accent in the center of our country. It is not the floral emblem for any foreign country.

### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE H. SAMPSON

SUBJECT: PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING S.J. RES. 159,

LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE THE ROSE THE

NATION'S OFFICIAL FLORAL EMBLEM

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September 26, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the more than 21,000 members of the Florists' Transworld Delivery Association in the United States, I wish to provide additional information regarding S. J. Res. 159, legislation which would make the rose the nation's official floral emblem.

Aware that the United States is one of the few countries in the world without an official flower, FTD has conducted several national polls to give citizens a chance to vote for the bloom they feel deserves the honor of serving as America's national flower.

In 1959 and again in 1976, the Bicentennial year, the public voted at FTD florist shops throughout the nation for the flower they thought should be the national floral emblem. In both polls, the rose won by a very wide margin.

In 1985, we polled 6,000 magazine, newspaper and radio and television editors and producers, some of whom conducted their own surveys among readers, listeners and viewers. Again, the rose won, by an even larger margin than in previous years.

As florists, we love all flowers but the rose is definitely the "people's choice."

Sincerely yours,

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