



American Rose Society



RESOLUTION in support of the SOCIETY OF THE HONOR GUARD, TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER and the CENTENNIAL OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

The Society of the Honor Guard has made the white rose its official flower and encourages the planting of white roses, with special emphasis upon 'Niphetos', the rose which played a prominent role in the selection of the World War I Unknown Soldier. The planting of the Rose, America's National Floral Emblem, will be a major feature of the Society's 'Never Forget Garden' project, an important element of their Centennial plans. The Society of the Honor Guard and the American Rose Society jointly recognize the power of Roses to speak of patriotism, give comfort, represent love, pride, remembrance, strength, courage, unity, valor and all matters of the heart. Therefore, we should be honored and pleased to join the Centennial Commemoration; to dedicate a special place within America's Rose Garden as our 'Never Forget Garden', and to encourage our thousands of members across the country to create their own 'Never Forget Gardens'.

WHEREAS, the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will honor the Commemoration of the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier on November 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, a major component of the Centennial is the 'Never Forget Garden' project, an invitation to individuals and community gardens around the country to dedicate a portion of their gardens to remember America's fallen heroes;

Whereas, the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has requested participation of the American Rose Society in the Centennial Commemoration by the installation of a 'Never Forget Garden' within America's Rose Garden;

WHEREAS, from time to time, the American Rose Society is drawn to join with other organizations in support of worthy causes that it can identify with;

WHEREAS, the planting of the Rose, America's National Floral Emblem, is a major feature of the 'Never Forget Garden' project, and an important element of the Centennial plans of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier;

WHEREAS, together, the Society of the Honor Guard and the American Rose Society acclaim the value of the Rose in our lives and in our gardens we jointly recognize the power of the Rose to speak of patriotism, give comfort, represent love, pride, remembrance, strength, courage, unity, valor and all matters of the heart.

WHEREAS, the white rose has been adopted as the official flower of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in memory of the fact that a bouquet of white roses was used in the selection of America's Unknown Soldier on November 11, 1921;

WHEREAS, we appreciate the French connection to the Centennial commemoration; and we are bonded to the French people through sacrifices in war and with roses, many of which have their origins in the great roseraies of France;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Rose Society pledges its support of the Centennial Commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier planned by the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the American Rose Society dedicate a special and permanent place within America's Rose Garden as our 'Never Forget Garden' to remember America's fallen heroes, and to encourage our thousands of members across the country to do likewise;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the appointment by ARS President Robert B. Martin Jr of Marilyn Wellan as the representative of the American Rose Society to the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in connection with its 'Never Forget Garden' project be and it is hereby ratified and confirmed;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the American Rose Society's American Rose Center Committee be, and they hereby are authorized, and directed to take all such action that may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.