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E1 Photograph of ground-breaking ceremony: May 1, 1966
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E2 Photograph of Rose Kennedy at the Special Olympics in Maine: May, 1971

E3 Letter from Sargent Shriver (3 pages): November 1, 1972

E4 “Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Family Appreciation Day” (2 pages): July 22, 1990

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Dear Grandma:

You have been superb, as always, and I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your enthusiasm, generosity, courage, and loyalty. Grandpa always told me that you were the one who kept him alert, alive, motivated, and moving. At first I thought he was exaggerating, but now...
I know better than anyone how right he was. He loved you for all those qualities I see, and for a million more I shall never see, but like him I do truly love you and admire you and believe you are one of the great women—great people of the world.

We are flying now from Portland to Seattle.
to Missoula, Montana, to Champaign, Ill., and on to Baltimore! Tomorrow we shall celebrate my Mother's 90th birthday — and I shall be thinking of all the blessings God has given me, of which my Mother, you, and Ennice are the most precious of all.

With deep affection and love, — [Signature]

Nov. 1, 1972
Joint Resolution

For the designation of July 22, 1990, as "Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Family Appreciation Day".

Whereas on July 22, 1990, one of the most admired and beloved symbols of the American family, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, will reach the age of one hundred years;
Whereas the strength and integrity of the family are essential to our well-being as a Nation;
Whereas a secure and loving family is a principal source of the values, beliefs, traditions, ideals, and concern for others at the heart of the American character;
Whereas families provide continuity for the American people from generation to generation, linking the Nation's past, present, and future, and ensuring that our heritage of liberty, democracy, and justice for all is maintained in present generations and carried forward to future generations;
Whereas Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, throughout her long and active life, has emphasized the importance of the family as the foundation of a secure and caring society;
Whereas Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy has inspired millions of Americans with her courage, her faith, her commitment to the central role of the family in American life, and her belief in the responsibility of citizens of all ages to help others and to serve others to the best of their ability;
Whereas Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those with mental and physical disabilities; and
Whereas the Congress and the Nation hold Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy in high affection and esteem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress hereby conveys its appreciation, affection and respect to Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, July 22, 1990.
S. J. Res. 315—2

Sec. 2. The President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating July 22, 1990, as "Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Family Appreciation Day", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

[Signature]
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Vice President of the United States
Acting President of the Senate pro tempore.

APPROVED
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