I'm enclosing a copy of Senator Frank Lautenberg's National Tree Legislation, S.J. Res. #81 which designates the Oak to be our National Arboreal Emblem. This piece of legislation has been assigned to the judiciary Committee until it acquires 51 co-sponsors, before it will be released from this committee onto the floor of the senate for a passage vote.

We must secure the active support of our state-side members to write or telegraph their respective Senators, strongly urging them to quickly co-sponsor S.J. Res. #81.

Sincerely,

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S.J. Res 81 - Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, April 19, 1993

Mr. Lautenberg (for himself and Mr. Bradley) introduced the following joint resolution which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joint Resolution
Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem.
Whereas the oak has more than three hundred species native to North America:
Whereas the oak is grown in every state:
Whereas the oak represents durability and longevity:
Whereas the fruit of the oak, the acorn, was used as food by early native Americans:
Whereas in a poll conducted by the International Society of Arboriculture, the oak was selected by a majority of people as the tree that symbolizes the United States:
Whereas the oak has been renowned in art, music, literature; and
Whereas it is fitting and proper that the United States have a national arboreal emblem: Now therefore, be it

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

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