

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Beyer, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Burdick, Ferrioli
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Meeting Dates:	5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expresses support for designation of fourth Saturday of July as National Day of the Cowboy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship between cowboys and agricultural industry in Oregon
- Character and courage of cowboys
- Contribution of cowboys to Oregon and the West
- National Day of the Cowboy resolution in U.S. Congress

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The National Day of the Cowboy campaign began in 2004 for the purpose of lobbying for passage of a resolution designating the fourth Saturday of every July a day of celebration honoring cowboys and cowgirls for their enduring contribution to the courageous, pioneering spirit of America. In 2008, the National Day of the Cowboy resolution was sponsored simultaneously in the U.S. House of Representatives by then Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (Arizona) and in the U.S. Senate by Senator Mike Enzi (Wyoming). The resolution passed in the Senate and the House concurrently and National Day of the Cowboy was celebrated on July 26, 2008.

Led by the National Day of the Cowboy organization, state-by-state efforts are underway to recognize and preserve America's cowboy heritage, so that the history and culture of cowboy traditions can be shared and perpetuated through education, the arts, rodeos, community gatherings and celebrations.

Currently, at least 13 states have, through legislation or governor's proclamation, recognized the National Day of the Cowboy on the fourth Saturday of July. House Concurrent Resolution 25 expresses support for the designation of the fourth Saturday of July as National Day of the Cowboy in Oregon.