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House Concurrent Resolution 25

Sponsored by Representative MCLANE, Senator WHITSETT

Whereas pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped push the boundaries of America's frontiers; and

Whereas the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries and political affiliation; and

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion and determination; and

Whereas the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

Whereas the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

Whereas the core values expressed within the Code of the West continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

Whereas cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

Whereas the cowboy continues to be an important part of the United States economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches in all 50 states; and

Whereas annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30 million fans worldwide; and

Whereas membership and participation in events and organizations that perpetuate the skills and livelihood of the cowboy, such as the National Day of the Cowboy, the Single Action Shooting Society, the Working Ranch Cowboys Association, the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, the Western Music Association, the United States Team Roping Championships and others, continue to expand nationally and internationally; and

Whereas the cowboy and horse is a central image in literature, art, film, poetry, photography and music; and

Whereas the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's imagination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, express our support for the designation of the fourth Saturday in July of each year as a National Day of the Cowboy; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the people of Oregon to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Adopted by House April 11, 2013

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 7, 2013

Peter Courtney, President of Senate