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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY.

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11 **Subtitle**

12 RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE  
13 COWBOY.

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15 WHEREAS, pioneering men and women established America's frontiers and  
16 built the strong framework of this nation with their ranches and farms; and  
17 the descendants of those pioneers, and those influenced by their endeavors,  
18 continue to be a vital part of our nation and economy by producing products  
19 that feed and clothe the nation; and

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21 WHEREAS, through cultural influence and the spirit of competition among  
22 those hardworking ranchers and farmers, often referred to as "cowboys" and  
23 "cowgirls," the rodeo was introduced; and the rodeo tradition continues in  
24 Arkansas, with events throughout the state that contribute to the economy  
25 through tourism dollars; and

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27 WHEREAS, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct  
28 for Cowboys and Cowgirls continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest  
29 caliber of personal conduct; and through their hard work, honesty,  
30 compassion, and determination, cowboys and cowgirls have earned a reputation  
31 of integrity and patriotism; and

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33 WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls in Arkansas strive to serve,  
34 preserve, and perpetuate this legacy of America's western heritage through  
35 their work; and many statewide organizations recognize the significance and  
36 value of the cowboy lifestyle and encourage young people to carry on the



1 traditions of their trade; and

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3 WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to be excellent stewards  
4 of the land, its resources, and its creatures; and

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6 WHEREAS, historically, the cowboy or cowgirl and his or her horse are  
7 central figures in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and  
8 through their work and play, in the movies and in the fields, herding cattle  
9 and raising pigs, poultry, or sheep, or competing in a rodeo, the cowboy and  
10 cowgirl are true American icons that occupy a place in the public's  
11 imagination and worthy of recognition and honor,

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and designate the fourth  
18 Saturday of July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy and  
19 encourage Arkansans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and  
20 activities honoring those strong and honorable citizens who, by their efforts  
21 and contributions, have earned the titles of "cowboy" and "cowgirl".

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
24 copy shall be provided to the Arkansas congressional delegation by the Chief  
25 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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