LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-third Legislature Second Regular Session - 2016

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped to establish America's frontiers; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries and political affiliations; and

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

WHEREAS, the cowboy vaquero 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 Cowboy Code of Conduct and the Code of the West continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, these core values include the following ten principles to live by: 1) Live each day with courage; 2) Take pride in your work; 3) Always finish what you start; 4) Do what has to be done; 5) Be tough but fair; 6) Keep your promises; 7) Ride for the brand; 8) Talk less and say more; 9) Remember that some things are not for sale; and 10) Know where to draw the line; and

WHEREAS, cowboy and ranching 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, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30 million fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy Organization and other organizations that honor the livelihood of the cowboy continue to increase both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are central figures 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 members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the fourth Saturday in July be recognized each year as National Day of the Cowboy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Idaho are encouraged to observe National Day of the Cowboy with appropriate ceremonies and activities.