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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 11

**51TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN JULY  
AS "NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped  
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

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1 of conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest  
2 caliber of personal integrity; and

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

7 WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds thirty  
8 million fans worldwide; and

9 WHEREAS, membership and participation in the national day  
10 of the cowboy organization, single action shooting society,  
11 working ranch rodeo association, cowboy mounted shooting  
12 association, American quarter horse association, pro rodeo  
13 cowboys association, championship bull riding, working ranch  
14 rodeo, women's pro rodeo, U.S. team roping, the western music  
15 association and other organizations that encompass the  
16 livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand both nationally and  
17 internationally; and

18 WHEREAS, the cowboy and the cowboy's horse are central  
19 figures in literature, art, film, poetry, photography and  
20 music; and

21 WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon, occupying a  
22 central place in the public's imagination;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate  
25 the fourth Saturday in July as "National Day of the Cowboy" in

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1 New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the governor.

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