

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2008 AS "COWBOY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING JULY 26, 2008 AS "NEW MEXICO DAY OF THE COWBOY".

WHEREAS, cowboys and cowgirls are a fundamental part of New Mexico's reputation as a leading ranching state; and

WHEREAS, representing a diversity that is uniquely American, cowboys come from all walks of life, transcending age, race, gender and generation, and their work ethic and code of conduct have long infused our great state and nation with pride and their values have set an example for many; and

WHEREAS, in the state's early years, cowboys worked throughout the "Land of Enchantment", blazing trails as explorers and guardians of a growing American frontier, and their legacy lives on today as men and women literally walk in the cowboys' footsteps, working and living upon the land; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans have long been recognized as leaders in the cowboy and ranching world, with heroes and champions filling halls of fame across the country, including the Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the "National Day of the Cowboy" has been celebrated for the past three years and, again, this year, Americans in communities both far and near will join to

celebrate the cowboys' day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2008 be declared "Cowboy Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that July 26, 2008 be recognized as "New Mexico Day of the Cowboy" and that all New Mexicans be encouraged to recognize cowboys, both past and present, for their numerous contributions to the state and for keeping the best of New Mexico alive for generations to come.