

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 19, 2009 AS "COWGIRL AND COWBOY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING JULY 25, 2009 AS "NEW MEXICO DAY OF THE COWGIRL AND COWBOY".

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

WHEREAS, representing a diversity that is uniquely American, cowgirls and 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, cowgirls and 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 cowgirls' and cowboys' footsteps, working and living upon the land; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans have long been recognized as leaders in the cowgirl, cowboy and ranching world, with heroes and champions filling halls of fame across the country, including the cowgirl hall of fame, the cowboy hall of fame and the pro rodeo hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, the "National Day of the Cowboy" has been

celebrated for the past four years and, again, this year, Americans in communities both far and near will join to celebrate the cowgirls' and cowboys' day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 19, 2009 be declared "Cowgirl and Cowboy Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that July 25, 2009 be recognized as "New Mexico Day of the Cowgirl and Cowboy" and that all New Mexicans be encouraged to recognize cowgirls and 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.