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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

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1 their legacy lives on today as men and women literally walk in
2 the cowgirls' and cowboys' footsteps, working and living upon
3 the land; and

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

9 WHEREAS, the "National Day of the Cowboy" has been
10 celebrated for the past four years and, again, this year,
11 Americans in communities both far and near will join to
12 celebrate the cowgirls' and cowboys' day;

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

17 BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that July 25, 2009 be recognized
18 as "New Mexico Day of the Cowgirl and Cowboy" and that all New
19 Mexicans be encouraged to recognize cowgirls and cowboys, both
20 past and present, for their numerous contributions to the state
21 and for keeping the best of New Mexico alive for generations to
22 come.