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HOUSE MEMORIAL 27

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF JULY 23, 2011 AS
"NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY".

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

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

WHEREAS, the cowboy 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 continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest
caliber of personal integrity; and

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1 WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive
2 to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's
3 heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of
5 the economy through the work of approximately six hundred
6 fifty-six thousand five hundred ranches in all fifty states;
7 and

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

10 WHEREAS, membership and participation in the national day
11 of the cowboy, the single action shooting society, the working
12 ranch cowboys association, the cowboy mounted shooting
13 association, the American quarterhorse association, the
14 professional rodeo cowboys association, the championship bull
15 riding association, the women's professional rodeo association
16 and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the
17 cowboy, continues to expand nationally and 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 HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that support be
25 expressed for the designation of July 23, 2011 as "National Day

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1 of the Cowboy"; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of New Mexico be
3 encouraged to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
4 activities; and

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

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