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HOUSE MEMORIAL 83

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

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A 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 HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be
25 requested to designate the fourth Saturday in July as "National

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1 Day of the Cowboy" in New Mexico; and

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

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