

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS  
3 TO CANCER RESEARCH IN NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING MARCH 10, 2023  
4 "COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES.

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7 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research was established in  
8 1982 and is the largest cancer research fundraiser in New  
9 Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the money raised by cowboys for cancer research  
11 stays in New Mexico and is used for cancer research projects  
12 in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research started as a humble  
14 team roping fundraiser in Las Cruces that honored Alma  
15 Cohorn, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, whose life had  
16 tragically been taken by this awful disease in 1981; and

17 WHEREAS, the Alma Cohorn memorial/cowboys for cancer  
18 research endowment was established in 1999 to support cancer  
19 research at the university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer  
20 center, which is the only national cancer institute-  
21 designated cancer center in a five-hundred-mile radius; and

22 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has made donations  
23 to the university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center  
24 for more than forty years, and one hundred percent of the  
25 money that has been donated has gone toward cancer research;

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2 WHEREAS, the cowboys for cancer research endowed fund  
3 was established in 2011 to support cancer research and  
4 community outreach projects at New Mexico state university;  
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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university partners with the  
7 university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center and the  
8 Fred Hutchinson cancer center to conduct cutting-edge cancer  
9 research; and

10 WHEREAS, the two endowment funds are worth a total of  
11 five million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000); and

12 WHEREAS, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun, co-executive  
13 directors of cowboys for cancer research, have been involved  
14 in the charitable efforts at cowboys for cancer research  
15 since its inception, and they continue to contribute their  
16 resources and knowledge in the hope of finding a cure for  
17 cancer;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cowboys for  
20 cancer research be recognized for the contributions that it  
21 has made to cancer research in New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 10, 2023 be declared  
23 "Cowboys for Cancer Research Day" in the house of  
24 representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

