

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO MUSIC COMMISSION TO CREATE A
COMPETITION FOR COMPOSERS OF A STATE COWBOY SONG.

WHEREAS, a member of the house of representatives in the
year 2007 offered the state an opportunity to adopt an
official state cowboy song; and

WHEREAS, the state has a state song, a state ballad and
a state bilingual song; and

WHEREAS, a good deal of the controversy surrounding
adoption of an official state cowboy song arose because of
competition among composers who wanted to be known as the
composer of the state cowboy song; and

WHEREAS, the members may be able to agree on declaring
an official state cowboy song so long as the process for
selecting such a song is less arbitrary than by a vote of a
majority of the members of the legislature, whose tastes and
musical abilities may vary; and

WHEREAS, the governor has created a state music
commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
music commission conduct a competition for a New Mexico cowboy
song; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the competition be open to

any person born in New Mexico or who has lived in New Mexico consecutively for the past twenty years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the competition accept entries for at least six months prior to selection and that the winner of the competition be announced at least a month before the start of a legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a jury selected by the New Mexico music commission select the New Mexico cowboy song from among the entries, based on a majority vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that entrants in the competition agree to release to the state any rights to the song composed for the competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico music commission present the New Mexico cowboy song to a future legislative session for consideration as the official state cowboy song;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico music commission, the governor and each country-western radio station in the state.