

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2008 AS "COWBOY DAY" AT THE SENATE AND  
3 RECOGNIZING JULY 26, 2008 AS "NEW MEXICO DAY OF THE COWBOY".  
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5 WHEREAS, cowboys and cowgirls are a fundamental part of  
6 New Mexico's reputation as a leading ranching state; and

7 WHEREAS, representing a diversity that is uniquely  
8 American, cowboys come from all walks of life, transcending  
9 age, race, gender and generation, and their work ethic and  
10 code of conduct have long infused our great state and nation  
11 with pride and their values have set an example for many; and

12 WHEREAS, in the state's early years, cowboys worked  
13 throughout the "Land of Enchantment", blazing trails as  
14 explorers and guardians of a growing American frontier, and  
15 their legacy lives on today as men and women literally walk in  
16 the cowboys' footsteps, working and living upon the land; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexicans have long been recognized as  
18 leaders in the cowboy and ranching world, with heroes and  
19 champions filling halls of fame across the country, including  
20 the Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the Pro  
21 Rodeo Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, the "National Day of the Cowboy" has been  
23 celebrated for the past three years and, again, this year,  
24 Americans in communities both far and near will join to  
25 celebrate the cowboys' day;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2008 be declared "Cowboy  
3 Day" at the senate; and

4           BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that July 26, 2008 be  
5 recognized as "New Mexico Day of the Cowboy" and that all  
6 New Mexicans be encouraged to recognize cowboys, both past and  
7 present, for their numerous contributions to the state and for  
8 keeping the best of New Mexico alive for generations to come.==

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