

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY OF THE COW-
2 BOY.
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4 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 WHEREAS, pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped to establish
6 America's frontiers; and

7 WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnic-
8 ity, geographic boundaries and political affiliations; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the cowboy vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength
12 of character; and

13 WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its crea-
14 tures; and

15 WHEREAS, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct and
16 the Code of the West continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of
17 personal integrity; and

18 WHEREAS, these core values include the following ten principles to live
19 by: 1) Live each day with courage; 2) Take pride in your work; 3) Always fin-
20 ish what you start; 4) Do what has to be done; 5) Be tough but fair; 6) Keep
21 your promises; 7) Ride for the brand; 8) Talk less and say more; 9) Remember
22 that some things are not for sale; and 10) Know where to draw the line; and

23 WHEREAS, cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American
24 landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue
25 to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's her-
26 itage; and

27 WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30 million fans worldwide;
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29 WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy
30 Organization and other organizations that honor the livelihood of the cowboy
31 continue to increase both nationally and internationally; and

32 WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are central figures in literature,
33 art, film, poetry, photography and music; and

34 WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in
35 the public's imagination.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
37 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
38 the Senate concurring therein, that the fourth Saturday in July be recog-
39 nized each year as National Day of the Cowboy.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Idaho are encouraged to ob-
41 serve National Day of the Cowboy with appropriate ceremonies and activities.