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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY.

### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, pioneering men and women established America's frontiers and built the strong framework of this nation with their ranches and farms; and the descendants of those pioneers, and those influenced by their endeavors, continue to be a vital part of our nation and economy by producing products that feed and clothe the nation; and

WHEREAS, through cultural influence and the spirit of competition among those hardworking ranchers and farmers, often referred to as "cowboys" and "cowgirls," the rodeo was introduced; and the rodeo tradition continues in Arkansas, with events throughout the state that contribute to the economy through tourism dollars; and

WHEREAS, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct for Cowboys and Cowgirls continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal conduct; and through their hard work, honesty, compassion, and determination, cowboys and cowgirls have earned a reputation of integrity and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls in Arkansas strive to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this legacy of America's western heritage through their work; and many statewide organizations recognize the significance and value of the cowboy lifestyle and encourage young people to carry on the



traditions of their trade; and

WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to be excellent stewards of the land, its resources, and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, historically, the cowboy or cowgirl and his or her horse are central figures in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and through their work and play, in the movies and in the fields, herding cattle and raising pigs, poultry, or sheep, or competing in a rodeo, the cowboy and cowgirl are true American icons that occupy a place in the public's imagination and worthy of recognition and honor,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize and designate the fourth Saturday of July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy and encourage Arkansans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable citizens who, by their efforts and contributions, have earned the titles of "cowboy" and "cowgirl".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the Arkansas congressional delegation by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.