

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 567

WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish the American West; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies the characteristics of honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism, and the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound values, and good common sense; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries, and political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; with a livelihood that depends on the land, cowboys understand the importance of working to protect and enhance the environment; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy traditions have been part of the American culture for generations; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of approximately 727,000 ranchers in all 50 states, and cowboys contribute to the well-being of nearly every county in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Annual attendance at professional and working ranch rodeo events exceeds 27 million fans, and rodeo is the seventh most popular spectator sport in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Participation in rodeo and other organizations that promote and encompass the livelihood of the cowboy spans race, gender, and generations; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music, and this American icon occupies a central place in the public imagination; and

WHEREAS, Cowboys and cowgirls have played a vital part in the development of this state and nation, and it is fitting to recognize their historic importance and the ongoing contributions they make to their communities today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby join citizens in Texas and across the nation in observing National Day of the Cowboy on July 25, 2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the American cowboy.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate