

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 326

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the Texas cowboy and cowboys across the nation by recognizing July 23, 2011, and July 28, 2012, as National Day of the Cowboy; and

WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped to establish America's frontiers; the archetype of the cowboy transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and determination, and the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and the cowboy has been a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry and music; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land; he understands the importance of protecting and improving the environment; and

WHEREAS, Cowboys continue to play an important role in the economy through their work on more than 650,000 ranches across the nation and in rodeos, which attract more than 30 million fans worldwide each year; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon, and it is fitting that a day be set aside to honor his significance in the development of this state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby join citizens across the state and nation in recognizing July 23, 2011, and July 28, 2012, as National Day of the Cowboy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate the National Day of the Cowboy.

Wentworth, Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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