

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 432

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commemorate "National Day of the Cowboy" in Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

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

WHEREAS, cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30,000,000 fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, Working Ranch Rodeo, Women's Pro Rodeo, U.S. Team Roping, the Western Music Association, and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy, continue to expand both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's imagination; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the citizens of Tennessee on the fourth Saturday in July as they honor and commemorate "National Day of the Cowboy" on July 27, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.