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H. RES. 776

Supporting the observance of a “National Day of the American Cowboy”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the observance of a “National Day of the
American Cowboy”.

Whereas pioneering men and women, recognized as cowboys,
helped establish the American West;

Whereas that cowboy spirit continues to infuse this country
with its solid character, sound family values, and good
common sense;

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,
compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism;

Whereas the cowboy loves, lives off of, and depends on the
land and its creatures, and is an excellent steward, pro-
tecting and enhancing the environment;

Whereas the cowboy continues to play a significant role in the
culture and economy of the United States;

Whereas approximately 800,000 ranchers are conducting business in all 50 States and are contributing to the economic well being of nearly every county in the Nation;

Whereas rodeo is the sixth most-watched sport in the United States;

Whereas membership in rodeo and other organizations encompassing the livelihood of a cowboy transcends race and sex and spans every generation;

Whereas the cowboy is an American icon;

Whereas to recognize the American cowboy is to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of the United States to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct;

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys to their communities should be recognized and encouraged; and

Whereas the fourth Saturday in July has been proposed as an annual celebration of the American cowboy: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the observance of a “National Day
- 3 of the American Cowboy”; and
- 4 (2) encourages the people of the United States
- 5 to celebrate the day with appropriate ceremonies and
- 6 activities.

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