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H. RES. 322

Expressing support for the designation of July 25, 2009 as “National Day of the Cowboy”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. MITCHELL, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona, and Mr. POE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of July 25, 2009 as “National Day of the Cowboy”.

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

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

Whereas the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound family values, and good common sense;

Whereas the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries, and political affiliation;

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

Whereas the cowboy lives off the land and works to protect and enhance the environment;

Whereas cowboy traditions have been part of the American culture for generations;

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 contributes to the well-being of nearly every county in the Nation;

Whereas annual attendance at professional and working ranch rodeo events exceeds 27,000,000 fans, and the rodeo is the 7th most watched sport in the Nation;

Whereas membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations that promote and encompass the livelihood of the cowboy spans race, gender, and generations;

Whereas the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music, and occupies a central place in the public imagination;

Whereas the cowboy is an American icon; and

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their communities should be recognized and encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

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

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