

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 0008

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2012 BUDGET SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress and the Wyoming governor to designate the fourth Saturday in July as "National Day of the Cowboy".

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 of the cowboy inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, cowboy 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, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of approximately six hundred fifty-six thousand (656,000) ranches in all fifty (50) states; and

WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds thirty million (30,000,000) fans worldwide; and

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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, Women's Pro Rodeo, the Western Music Association, American Cattlemen's Association, United States Team Roping Champions and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continues 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; and

WHEREAS, the late United States Senator Craig Thomas sponsored legislation in the United States Congress in 2005, 2006 and 2007 making the last Saturday in July the National Day of the Cowboy in each of those years; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of the Cowboy has been designated by the United States Congress every year since Senator Thomas first sponsored the legislation; and

WHEREAS, the late Senator Craig Thomas personified the core values and character celebrated on the National Day of the Cowboy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the members of the legislature of the state of Wyoming express support for designation by the

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United States Congress of the fourth Saturday in July a National Day of the Cowboy, and encourage the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Section 2. That the members of the legislature of the state of Wyoming express support for designation by the governor of the fourth Saturday in July the "Wyoming Day of the Cowboy" and encourage the people of Wyoming to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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Section 3. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of Wyoming, the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk