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# H. RES. 322

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2009

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

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## 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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