

Introduced by Senator Fuller

June 16, 2011

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to the National Day of the Cowboy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 48, as introduced, Fuller. The National Day of the Cowboy.

This measure would recognize July 23, 2011, as the National Day of the Cowboy, and would encourage the people of the State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys,
2 helped establish America's frontiers; and

3 WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender,
4 generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political
5 affiliation; and

6 WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,
7 compassion, and determination; and

8 WHEREAS, The cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and
9 strength of character; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Cowboy traditions have been part of the American
16 landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and

1 cowgirls continue to strive to serve and to preserve and perpetuate
2 this unique element of America’s heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be an important part of
4 the economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches
5 in all 50 states; and

6 WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day
7 of the Cowboy Celebration (NDOC), Single Action Shooting
8 Society (SASS), Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA),
9 Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA), American
10 Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Professional Rodeo Cowboys
11 Association (PRCA), Championship Bull Riding (CBR), Women’s
12 Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA), and other organizations
13 that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand
14 nationally and internationally; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a
18 central place in the public’s imagination; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes July 23, 2011,
21 as the “National Day of the Cowboy”; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of the
23 State of California to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies
24 and activities; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.