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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Gaines. The National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl.

This measure would recognize and designate the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy and

Cowgirl, 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 together built the
2 strong framework of this nation through their ability to develop
3 farmland, establish ranches, and successfully provide the
4 agricultural products that feed this growing nation and much of
5 the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The descendants of those pioneers, and those
7 influenced by their endeavors, have continued that tradition and
8 noble life's work; and

9 WHEREAS, In California, the vaqueros and rancheros
10 contributed significantly to our western heritage; and

11 WHEREAS, Through cultural influence and the spirit of
12 competition among those hardworking ranchers and farmers, often
13 referred to as "cowboys" and "cowgirls", the rodeo was introduced
14 to the West, defining a whole new branch of the ranching and
15 farming experience; and

16 WHEREAS, Through their hard work, honesty, and
17 perseverance, cowboys and cowgirls have earned a reputation of
18 integrity, patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely
19 American traditions of their trade; and

20 WHEREAS, The young people of this country have embraced
21 the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as
22 Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and other educational endeavors
23 to prepare them for their role in the ongoing cowboy lifestyle; and

24 WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive
25 to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this very foundation of America's
26 heritage, not only through the efforts of working cowboys and
27 cowgirls, but through the efforts of many statewide organizations
28 that, each day, recognize the significance and value of the cowboy
29 lifestyle; and

30 WHEREAS, The cowboy and the cowgirl continue to be
31 excellent stewards of this land and its creatures; and

32 WHEREAS, The cowboy and the cowgirl continue to be vital
33 parts of the nation, and in particular, the economy of this great
34 State of California; and

35 WHEREAS, Through determination and skill, commitment,
36 and sacrifice, the vaquero, the ranchero, the farmer, rancher,

1 cowboy, and cowgirl continue, and will continue, to produce the
2 products that feed and clothe this nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Through work and through play, in the movies or
4 in the fields, raising crops, herding cattle, raising pigs or sheep, or
5 bronc busting in a rodeo, the cowboy and the cowgirl are true
6 American icons, worthy of recognition and honor; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes and designates
10 the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day
11 of the Cowboy and Cowgirl; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of the
13 great State of California to observe this day with appropriate
14 ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable
15 citizens of this state who, by their efforts and contributions, have
16 earned the titles of “cowboy” and “cowgirl”; and be it further

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