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By: **Senator Edwards**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **National Day of the Cowboy**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Congress of the United States of America to designate the
4 fourth Saturday in July of each year as the National Day of the Cowboy; encouraging
5 the people of the United States of America to annually observe the fourth Saturday
6 in July as the National Day of the Cowboy; and generally relating to the National
7 Day of the Cowboy.

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

10 WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity,
11 geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

12 WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and
13 determination; and

14 WHEREAS, The cowboy vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of
15 character; and

16 WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land, its resources, and
17 creatures; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American
21 landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to
22 preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

23 WHEREAS, Annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30,000,000 fans worldwide; and



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1 WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy
2 Organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, American
3 Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, the Buffalo Soldiers, Cowboy
4 Fast Draw Association, Championship Bull Riding, Little Britches Rodeo, Women's Pro
5 Rodeo, United States Team Roping Championships, and other organizations that
6 encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand both nationally and
7 internationally; and

8 WHEREAS, The cowboy and horse are central figures in literature, art, film, poetry,
9 photography, and music; and

10 WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the
11 public's imagination; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
13 Assembly of Maryland urges the Congress of the United States to designate the fourth
14 Saturday in July of each year as the "National Day of the Cowboy"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland encourages the people of the
16 United States of America to observe the National Day of the Cowboy annually on the fourth
17 Saturday in July; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
19 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L.
20 Cardin and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
21 and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes,
22 Anthony G. Brown, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Jamie
23 Raskin, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.