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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating Saturday, July 26, 2014, as  
3 the "Day of the Cowboy" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida has the oldest and longest history of  
6 cattle ranching in the nation, which began in 1521 when Ponce de  
7 Leon first introduced cattle on his second voyage that landed  
8 near Ft. Myers, and

9 WHEREAS, Florida's cattle industry is among the 15 largest  
10 in the United States, and

11 WHEREAS, the state's cattle industry and its pioneering men  
12 and women known as cowboys have contributed to the state's  
13 growth and stewardship of natural resources, with many ranches  
14 maintained over several generations, and

15 WHEREAS, that cowboy spirit infuses the state with its  
16 solid character, sound family values, and good common sense, and

17 WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,  
18 compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism, and

19 WHEREAS, cowboys love, live off of, and depend on the land  
20 and its creatures and are excellent stewards of the environment,  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to play a significant role in  
23 our culture and economy and is an American icon whose  
24 recognition acknowledges America's ongoing commitment to an  
25 esteemed and enduring code of conduct, and

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26           WHEREAS, the United States Congress has declared the  
27 National Day of the Cowboy in years past to celebrate the  
28 contribution of the cowboy to America's heritage and culture,  
29 and

30           WHEREAS, the ongoing contributions made by cowboys to our  
31 state should be honored and commended as well, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 Florida:

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36           That Saturday, July 26, 2014, is designated as the "Day of  
37 the Cowboy" in the State of Florida.