

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1063

By: Dorman of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Cowboy Poetry in the State of Oklahoma; and designating "Cowboy Poetry Week" in the State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS throughout the history of the American West and Oklahoma in particular, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving western heritage and the culture of Oklahoma through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS the long tradition and endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished Oklahoma tradition; and

WHEREAS Oklahoma has produced several well-respected contemporary cowboy poets; and

WHEREAS Oklahoma hosts many cowboy poetry gatherings; and

WHEREAS recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

WHEREAS the celebrations and official designations and proclamations of a state should reflect the traditions and values of its people; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to recognize the importance of cowboy poetry among the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates the week of April 16 through April 22, 2006, as "Cowboy Poetry Week" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the people of the great State of Oklahoma are called upon to celebrate the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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