

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1025

By: Morgan of the House

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6 Coates of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming July 2009 as
10 Oklahoma Cowboy Heritage Month; designating July 25,
11 2009, as Oklahoma Day of the Cowboy; encouraging
12 recognition and celebration; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the great state of Oklahoma is a land settled by native
15 tribes and by pioneers inspired to head west; and

16 WHEREAS, many of the major cattle trails established in the late
17 1800s ran through Oklahoma and helped usher in the era of the
18 cowboy; and

19 WHEREAS, the spirit of the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity,
20 courage, compassion, a strong work ethic, strong character, and
21 common sense; and

22 WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its
23 creatures; and
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1 WHEREAS, the cowboy lives off the land and works to protect and
2 enhance the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, cowboy traditions have been part of the Oklahoma
4 culture for generations; and

5 WHEREAS, the cowboy culture in Oklahoma has inspired artists,
6 conservationists, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural scientists for
7 generations; and

8 WHEREAS, the cowboy is a central figure in American literature,
9 film, and music, and continues to capture the public imagination;
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11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the home of many famous cowboys such as
12 Gene Autry, Will Rogers, William "Hopalong Cassidy" Boyd, Gordon
13 William "Pawnee Bill" Lillie, and Tom Mix; and

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has been home to the National Cowboy and
15 Western Heritage Museum for nearly forty years, which reflects the
16 long tradition of cowboy culture in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the cowboy tradition continues to live on in livestock
18 shows and rodeos, and through all those who live off the land or
19 sing a song by fireside under a night sky; and

20 WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the
21 economy through the work of ranchers in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls
23 to their communities should be recognized and encouraged.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims July 2009 as
5 Oklahoma Cowboy Heritage Month in the State of Oklahoma.

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates July 25, 2009, as
7 Oklahoma Day of the Cowboy in the State of Oklahoma.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages the citizens of
9 the state to recognize and celebrate Oklahoma Cowboy Heritage Month
10 and Oklahoma Day of the Cowboy with appropriate ceremonies, events
11 and activities.

12 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Bethany Braley,
13 Executive Director and Publisher of the National Day of the Cowboy
14 Organization and Angie Maynor, Director of the Chandler Route 66
15 Interpretive Center.

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