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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1017**

101 **CONCERNING EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE 4TH**  
102 **SATURDAY IN JULY AS "NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY".**

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

3 WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender,  
4 generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,  
7 compassion, and determination; and

8 WHEREAS, The cowboy Vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism  
9 and strength of character; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
April 1, 2015

1           WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and  
2 its creatures; and

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

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

10           WHEREAS, There are 87 million cattle in the United States,  
11 including 2.48 million in the state of Colorado; and

12           WHEREAS, The cattle business is a huge part of agriculture in the  
13 United States and in Colorado; and

14           WHEREAS, Annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30 million fans  
15 worldwide; and

16           WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day of  
17 the Cowboy organization, National Cattlemen's Beef Association,  
18 Colorado Cattlemen's Association, National Cowboy and Western  
19 Heritage Museum, ProRodeo Hall of Fame, American National  
20 Cattlemen, Inc., Working Ranch Cowboys Association, Cowboy  
21 Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse Association,  
22 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Professional Bull Riders,  
23 Women's Professional Rodeo Association, United States Team Roping  
24 Championships, the Western Music Association, and other organizations  
25 that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continue to expand both  
26 nationally and internationally; and

27           WHEREAS, The cowboy and his horse are central figures in  
28 literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

29           WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a  
30 central place in the public's imagination; now, therefore,

31           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*  
32 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

1           (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, express our  
2 support for the designation of the 4th Saturday in July as "National Day  
3 of the Cowboy"; and

4           (2) That we encourage the people of the state of Colorado and all  
5 citizens of the United States of America to observe the day with  
6 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

7           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
8 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Don Brown, Colorado Commissioner of  
9 Agriculture; Ron Williams, Chairman of the Board, National Western  
10 Stock Show; Frank Daley, President, Colorado Cattlemen's Association;  
11 the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum; the National Day  
12 of the Cowboy organization; United States Senator Michael Bennet;  
13 United States Senator Cory Gardner; United States Representative Diana  
14 DeGette; United States Representative Jared Polis; United States  
15 Representative Scott Tipton; United States Representative Ken Buck;  
16 United States Representative Doug Lamborn; United States  
17 Representative Mike Coffman; and United States Representative Ed  
18 Perlmutter.