

**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the National Day  
of the Cowboy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 70, as introduced, Gaines. The National Day of the Cowboy.

This measure would recognize the 4th Saturday of every July, in  
perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy, and would encourage  
the people of the State of California to observe the day with appropriate  
ceremonies and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women together built the  
2 strong framework of this nation through their ability to develop  
3 farmland, establish ranches, and successfully provide the  
4 agricultural products that feed this growing nation, and much of  
5 the world; and  
6 WHEREAS, The descendants of those pioneers, and those  
7 influenced by their endeavors, have continued that tradition and  
8 noble life’s work; and  
9 WHEREAS, Through cultural influence and the spirit of  
10 competition amongst those hardworking ranchers and farmers,  
11 often referred to as “cowboys,” the rodeo was introduced to the

1 West, defining a whole new branch of the ranching and farming  
2 experience; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their hard work, honesty, and  
4 perseverance, the cowboy has earned a reputation of integrity,  
5 patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely American  
6 traditions of their trade; and

7 WHEREAS, The young people of this country have embraced  
8 the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as  
9 Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and other educational endeavors  
10 to prepare them for their role in the ongoing cowboy lifestyle; and

11 WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive  
12 to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this very foundation of America's  
13 heritage, not only through the efforts of working cowboys, but  
14 through the efforts of many statewide organizations that, each day,  
15 recognize the significance and value of the cowboy lifestyle; and

16 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be an excellent steward  
17 of this land and its creatures; and

18 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be a vital part of the  
19 nation, and in particular, the economy of this great State of  
20 California; and

21 WHEREAS, Through determination and skill, commitment,  
22 and sacrifice, the farmer, rancher, and cowboy continue and will  
23 continue to produce the products that feed and clothe this nation;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Through work and through play, in the movies or  
26 in the fields, raising crops, herding cattle, or raising pigs or sheep,  
27 or bronc busting in a rodeo, the cowboy is a true American icon,  
28 worthy of recognition and honor; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the 4th  
31 Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the designated National  
32 Day of the Cowboy; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages the people of the  
34 great State of California to observe this day with appropriate  
35 ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable  
36 citizens of this state who, by their efforts and contributions, have  
37 earned the title of "cowboy"; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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