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# **S. RES. 142**

Designating July 25, 2009, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”.

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## **IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**MAY 12, 2009**

Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

**JUNE 8, 2009**

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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# **RESOLUTION**

Designating July 25, 2009, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”.

Whereas pioneering men and women, recognized as “cowboys”, helped establish the American West;

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism;

Whereas the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound family values, and good common sense;

Whereas the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations;

Whereas the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures, who lives off the land and works to protect and enhance the environment;

Whereas cowboy traditions have been a part of American culture for generations;

Whereas the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of many thousands of ranchers across the Nation who contribute to the economic well-being of every State;

Whereas millions of fans watch professional and working ranch rodeo events annually, and rodeo is one of the most-watched sports in the Nation;

Whereas membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations that promote and encompass the livelihood of cowboys span every generation and transcend race and gender;

Whereas the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music and occupies a central place in the public imagination;

Whereas the cowboy is an American icon; and

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their communities should be recognized and encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                (1) designates July 25, 2009, as “National Day  
3                of the American Cowboy”; and

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