

Senate Resolution 669

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the work of Doc Stovall and Jerry Warren; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Doc Stovall and Jerry Warren are renowned as the Cowboy Balladeer and the
3 Cowboy Poet for entertaining people with their celebration of the Western pioneer tradition
4 through cowboy poetry and song; and

5 WHEREAS, these two talented men celebrate the spirit of the old West by exploring the day
6 to day life on the American frontier and the rigors of life faced on the lone prairie by our
7 forefathers and foremothers who carved out a new life under adverse and uncertain
8 conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, Doc and Jerry combine cowboy music and poetry to weave a tale of the settlers
10 by presenting stories of the old west that lend shape, character, and substance to animals,
11 events, and people that are entwined in the spirit of the old west; and

12 WHEREAS, their music and poetry depict both the serious and humorous sides of life from
13 the days of the settlers to modern day, and their talents are fueled by their passion that
14 preserves the remembrance of the determination, the freedom, and the inner strength of our
15 pioneers; and

16 WHEREAS, Doc Stovall's artistry and commitment are evidence by his membership in the
17 Cowboy Performing Arts Society, the Western Music Association, the Academy of Western
18 Artists, the Roster of Touring Artists for the Georgia Council for the Arts, the Board of
19 Directors of the Douglasville/Douglas County Cultural Arts Council where he chairs the
20 Fund Raising Committee and oversees the planning and implementation of the Georgia
21 Cowboy Gathering, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Charles M. Russell
22 Western Heritage Association; and

1 WHEREAS, the talents and gifts of Jerry Warren were instrumental in the founding of the
2 Georgia Cowboy Poets, and his determination for his craft is found in his membership in the
3 Cowboy Performing Arts Society, the Western Music Association, the Academy of Western
4 Artists, the Charles M. Russell Western Heritage Association, and the Roster of Touring
5 Artists for the Georgia Council for the Arts; and

6 WHEREAS, their material and creativity propelled them into the Broadcast Music, Inc, and
7 availed them the opportunity to become staff writers for Carolina Sagebrush Publishing
8 Company; and

9 WHEREAS, these two men travel throughout the United States as ambassadors of Georgia
10 by appearing at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering and the Ruby Crest Poetry Trail Ride in Elko,
11 Nevada, WestFest in Vail Colorado, the Florida Cattle Drive, the BMI Songwriters
12 Symposium in Gulf Shores, Alabama, as well as Tellebration, the Roswell Cultural Arts
13 Center, the Georgia Cattleman's Association Annual Meeting, the University of Georgia, the
14 State University of West Georgia, the North Georgia Horse Council and the 1996 Olympics
15 with their musical and poetic genre commemorating the rich western heritage of the country;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Doc Stovall and Jerry Warren have given unselfishly of their time and talent
18 to perform their craft and encourage others to hone their talents, whether it be for elementary
19 schools, college campuses, hospitals, nursing homes, or senior citizens centers; and

20 WHEREAS, Doc Stovall and Jerry Warren have always represented Georgia in a
21 professional manner and they have given their talent to the citizens of the State.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend the Doc Stovall and Jerry Warren for their talents, outstanding commitment to
24 their crafts, and their remembrance of the western heritage that fostered the ideals from
25 which this country prospered.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Doc Stovall, the Cowboy Balladeer,
29 and Mr. Jerry Warren, the Cowboy Poet.