

Senate Resolution 312

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the work of "Cowboy Bill" Holden; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden is renowned as the prominent Cowboy Ambassador for
3 entertaining and educating people of the Western pioneer tradition through cowboy music,
4 poetry, history, and both live and film performances; and

5 WHEREAS, this talented man celebrates the spirit of the old west by exploring the day to
6 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, "Cowboy Bill" Holden combines music, poetry, history, and the images of the
10 silver screen to create and deliver education and entertainment of the old west that lend
11 shape, character, and substance to the events and people that are the spirit of the old west;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden's education and entertainment of the old west is both
14 serious and humorous points of view of the pioneer's life and the life of the cowboys of the
15 silver screen and through his passion of preserving our western heritage, he passes on the
16 remembrance of the strength, the determination, the innovation, the freedom, and the culture
17 of our pioneers; and

18 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden's talent and commitment are evidenced by his
19 membership in the Western Music Association, the Screen Actors Guild, the Atlanta Country
20 Music Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Society of Entertainers, the Academy of Western Artists,
21 the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, The Reunion of Professional
22 Entertainers International, the Wild West Arts Club, Single Action Shooters Society, charter
23 member of National Day of the Cowboy, and the Classical Fast Draw Society; and

1 WHEREAS, the talents and passion of "Cowboy Bill" Holden were instrumental in founding
2 and guiding The Ghost Town Raiders and Los Pistoleros, both stunt performance teams, to
3 educate and entertain people with the western heritage through both live and film
4 performances; and

5 WHEREAS, his talent and creativity propelled him into major film appearances and radio
6 appearances and availed him the opportunity to become the founder and host of the radio
7 show, The Cowboy Way, the only show in Georgia dedicated fully to the preservation of the
8 American Cowboy; and

9 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden has spent over 40 years promoting the cowboy way and
10 travels throughout the United States as an ambassador of Georgia by appearing at the Atlanta
11 Braves Wild West Night; Johnny Mack Brown Film Festival in Dothan, Alabama;
12 Southeastern Cowboy Symposium; Southeastern Cowboy Poetry Gathering; 2nd Annual
13 Eastern Native American Charity Powwow; Charlotte Western Film Festival; the North
14 Georgia Horse Council; Bonanza Days in Virginia City, Nevada; MIA Benefit in San Diego,
15 California; the Pacific Palisades Americanism Parade in Malibu, California; the Toluca Lake
16 Festival Parade in Hollywood, California; Frontier Days in Madison, Florida; Reno Jaycees
17 Rodeo in Reno, Nevada; Lawrenceville Rodeo; Brawley Rodeo in Brawley, California;
18 Frazer Park Emergency Hospital Benefit in Frazer Park, California; Annual Buck Owen and
19 Merle Haggard Christmas Party for Children in Bakersfield, California; Camarillo Boys Club
20 in Camarillo, California; San Diego College of Business; Knotsberry Farms in Anaheim,
21 California; 20th Century Fox Studios in Hollywood, California; Legends and Liars series,
22 Turner South; Orange County Annual Scoutarama in Anaheim, California; Old Country Barn
23 Dance Benefit; and

24 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden has given unselfishly of his time and talent to perform
25 his craft and encourage others to hone their talents, whether it be for schools, college
26 campuses, hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens centers, health causes, or those less
27 fortunate; and

28 WHEREAS, "Cowboy Bill" Holden has always represented Georgia in a professional
29 manner and has given his talent to the citizens of the State.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend "Cowboy Bill" Holden for his talents, outstanding commitment to his craft, and

1 his remembrance of the western heritage that fostered the ideals from which this country
2 prospered.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to "Cowboy Bill" Holden, the Cowboy
5 Ambassador.