

House Resolution 513

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Coleman of the 97th, Benfield of the 85th, Henson of the 87th, Hembree of the 67th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing July 23, 2011, as National Day of the Cowboy in Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish America's
4 frontiers; and

5 WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic
6 boundaries, and political affiliation; and

7 WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and
8 determination and is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

9 WHEREAS, the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character, and the core
10 values expressed in the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the
11 highest caliber of personal integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since
13 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this
14 unique element of America's heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work
16 of over 656,000 ranches in all 50 states, and annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30 million
17 fans world wide; and

18 WHEREAS, membership and participation in NDOC, SASS, WRCA, CMSA, AQHA,
19 PRCA, CBR, WPRA, and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy
20 continues to expand nationally and internationally; and

21 WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry,
22 photography, and music; and

23 WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon, occupying a central place in the public's
24 imagination; and

25 WHEREAS, National Day of the Cowboy is a day for Americans to celebrate their pioneer
26 heritage and honor the contributions of the cowboy and cowgirl to America's culture and
27 economy.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body acknowledge the numerous contributions cowboys have made
30 throughout the history of this nation, encourage all Georgians to reflect upon the rich
31 tradition of cowboys, and recognize July 23, 2011, as National Day of the Cowboy in
32 Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Day of the
35 Cowboy nonprofit organization.