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By Senators Brown, Braun, Hewitt, and Dammeier

WHEREAS, Washington state's pioneering men and women known as cowboys helped establish America's western frontiers; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523; and

WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy Vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land, its resources, and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy embodies honesty, courage, compassion, and resolve; and

WHEREAS, The core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of integrity; and

WHEREAS, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in American literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

WHEREAS, Annual attendance at rodeos exceeds 30,000,000 fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Championship Bull Riding, Working Ranch Rodeo, Women's Pro Rodeo, U.S. Team Roping, the Western Music Association, and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continues to expand both nationally and internationally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate join these organizations in celebrating the "National Day of the Cowboy" on the fourth Saturday in July and encourage the people of Washington and the United States of America to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.