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Written Testimony in support of HB 2402

Before the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Schwartz and members of the Committee:

On the television series 'Gunsmoke', the character "Fetus" Hagen often said, "There ya are, with a whole handful of gimme, and no much obliged." That's just not our style in Dodge City. Thank You for the opportunity to present testimony in favor of HB 2402, that proposes to designate the last Saturday in July of each year as National Day of the Cowboy in Kansas.

This testimony represents support for the bill HB2402.

Paul Harvey understood what the Day of the Cowboy signified, as he said, 'There is not an American male of any age, who hasn't been one or wanted to be one.'

The Cowboy strikes a deep chord with people from all walks of life. Cowboy ethics should become part of our national conversation, people across our great country should rediscover the Cowboy Code, and make it their own.

Cowboy Ethics – Code of the West

1. Live each day with courage.
2. Take pride in your work.
3. Always finish what you start.
4. Do what has to be done.
5. Be tough, bur fair.
6. When you make a promise, keep it.
7. Ride for the Brand.
8. Talk less and say more.
9. Remember that some things aren't for sale.
10. Know where to draw the line.

Thank you for your consideration of passing HB 2402. By doing so, you will have provided a focus for a day of celebration, to embrace our Western heritage in Kansas.

House Agriculture & Natural
Resources Committee

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