

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1533

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to celebrate "Mustang Heritage Foundation Week."

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to honor those organizations that preserve and protect our national treasures; and

WHEREAS, established in 2001, the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help wild horses and burros; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros have been removed from public lands and are currently in holding pastures and corrals managed by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and

WHEREAS, MHF's goal is to decrease the number of wild horses and burros in BLM holding facilities by increasing the number of successful adoptions and placements of these animals into homes and private care; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the MHF and the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse & Burro Program have been effectively partnered to increase adoptions and placements of mustangs and burros; and

WHEREAS, through innovative programs, events, and education, the Mustang Heritage Foundation helps find forever homes for thousands of these horses and burros each year; and

WHEREAS, the MHF saves U.S. taxpayers more than \$162 million each year on average, as a wild horse or burro costs the federal government \$25,000 to maintain during the lifetime of the animal; and

WHEREAS, the MHF not only reduces these federal expenditures, but most importantly it helps provide loving homes for our national treasure, the American Mustang; and

WHEREAS, the first Extreme Mustang Makeover was held in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2007; this first-of-its-kind event featured 100 trainers who had each spent 100 days training a wild horse; and

WHEREAS, the initial event was highly successful and soon became the talk of the horse industry; Extreme Mustang Makeover events are now held across the country each year, and thousands of equine enthusiasts have witnessed the trainability and versatility of the American Mustang; and

WHEREAS, the Mustang Heritage Spectacular will be held this year from June 20-23, and it is only fitting that this worthy organization and its annual event be properly honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we celebrate "Mustang Heritage Foundation Week," June 17-23, 2024, in recognition of the Mustang Heritage Foundation's good work in finding forever homes for wild horses and burros.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.