

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR WARD

HORSES. Designates the American Paint Horse as the official state horse.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the American Paint Horse as the official state horse.

WHEREAS, the American Paint Horse is an especially unique breed that is known for its aesthetic beauty, versatility and mild mannerism; and

WHEREAS, the Paint Horse dates as far back as the Egyptian tombs of the Fourth Century BC which depicted Paint Horses as components of daily life; and

WHEREAS, in Europe, the great paintings of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries include Paint Horses depicted as strong reliable animals; and

WHEREAS, Paint Horses were used as war horses and for support and transportation in peaceful times during the development of Western civilization; and

WHEREAS, these hardy animals set a tradition of Western horsemanship that still exists today; and

WHEREAS, the Paint Horse is one of the world's most prized breeds of horses because of their maximum versatility, pleasant nature and beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Paint Horse has excelled in show jumping, reining, cattle driving, racing and trail riding; and

WHEREAS, Paint Horses are often an embraced member of the family and are a great choice for children and amateur mounts as they are known for their calm temperament.

1 WHEREAS, the Paint Horse is a breed developed from a base of spotted horses
2 consisting of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred bloodlines that combine both the
3 characteristics of a Western stock horse with a pinto spotting pattern of white and dark
4 colors; and

5 WHEREAS, a registered Paint Horse conforms to the same body type desired in a
6 Quarter Horse, displaying a muscular physique that is of great weight but not too tall, with
7 a low center of gravity for maneuverability, and powerful hindquarters suitable for rapid
8 acceleration and sprinting; and

9 WHEREAS, the Paint Horse's combination of color and conformation has made the
10 American Paint Horse Association the second-largest breed registry in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, like Louisiana's colorful history, Paint Horses outshine and stand out
12 among all other breeds due to their unique color patterns as no two are alike; and

13 WHEREAS, each Paint Horse has an extraordinary combination of white and black,
14 bay, brown, roan, buckskin, dun, gray, grail, perlino, smoky cream, cremello, palomino, red
15 dun, sorrel, or champagne; and

16 WHEREAS, the American Paint Horse Association's breed registry is now one of the
17 fastest growing in North America; and

18 WHEREAS, the American Paint Horse Association currently registers horses that
19 exhibit the Tobiano, Overo, and Tovero spotting patterns, as well as solid-colored horses
20 with Paint bloodlines; and

21 WHEREAS, the first specific coat pattern is that of the Tobiano, which consists of
22 the white color crossing the top line of the horse; and

23 WHEREAS, the second coat pattern is that of the Overo, which consists of white
24 markings on the barrel of the horse or underneath the horse; and

25 WHEREAS, the Tovero Paint Horse is a mix of Tobiano and Overo colorations and
26 can be identified by its dark pigmentation around the ears, often referred to as the "Medicine
27 Hat" or "War Bonnet", also by dark markings completely surrounded by white, particularly
28 on the face or chest.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby
30 recognizes this extraordinary breed and designates the American Paint Horse as the official

1 state horse of Louisiana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3 American Paint Horse Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

DIGEST

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