

Members of the committee,

Back in 1982 I was on a Portsmouth Ohio committee that invited Roy Roger's back to his hometown for a community celebration and to recognize him for his success in becoming the King of Cowboys. As a boy he was Leonard Slye from Duck Run. His return home to Portsmouth Ohio received national attention.

The name Roy Rogers became synonymous with everything good. He had fans around the world but he never forgot his Ohio roots. He and his wife Dale visited hospitals, children's hospitals, adoption centers, and such bringing happiness to children everywhere. It has been said that he may have received more fan mail than anyone in history.

On numerous occasions Roy slipped back into his Ohio community to visit many friends still here. It was on several of these occasions I had the opportunity to visit Roy, hearing his wonderful story though he always maintained a humble character. I am proud today to have been a part of the recognition of Roy in his hometown.

If anyone in Ohio ever deserved the recognition of a special day of honor, it would be Roy Rogers!

Thank you for your consideration.

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