

April 10, 2009

Dear Legislators,

I want to tell you why the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be named North Carolina's state horse. These wonderful horses are a huge part of our states history. The Colonial Spanish Mustang also has been around for about 500 years so the early settlers of North Carolina used them for travel, work, and play. After the Spaniards brought them over they realized that the Colonial Spanish Mustang was one of the first animals brought from Europe.

The Colonial Spanish Mustang needs to be protected and preserved in our state of North Carolina. These friendly horses thrive in our environment.

Let me put it this way their
are only ~~228~~ left and we don't
want them to become extinct
to our area. Also they like our
climate and the food in our
environment. If the Colonial
Spanish Mustang was named
the state horse it would be
protected and preserved in our
state.

The marvelous Colonial
Spanish Mustang is the perfect
fit for North Carolina's state
horse. This big foal is a symbol
from early times. Twelve states
in the U.S.A have state horses,
why can't we? So if the Colonial
Spanish Mustang was our state
horse maybe it won't be
endangered anymore. Thank-you
for taking your time to read
my letter and maybe one day
there will be thirteen states in
the U.S. that have state horses.

Sincerely,

Lauren Cotler

April 10, 2009

Dear legislators,

I am going to tell you why the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be named North Carolina's state horse. These horses are very important to our state. The Colonial Spanish Mustang has roamed free on our beaches, for over 500 years. Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon and many other Spaniards brought these animals over to the United States as some of the first animals brought from Europe.

These horses are very important to our state and should be protected and allowed to run free. These wonderful horses are becoming extinct because of houses that are being built where the horses live.

North Carolina is the perfect place for the Colonial Spanish Mustang because the Outer Banks has the food and climate that these awesome horses need. There are only two hundred twenty eight of these marvelous horses left, and 101 in Corolla. If the Colonial Spanish Mustang was named North Carolina state horse they would be protected.

There are many reasons why the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be named North Carolina's state horse. Not only is this wonderful horse important to our history, it is a historic symbol to our country. Why not let the Colonial Spanish Mustang be named our state horse? Please take the time to read this letter and understand why I think the Colonial Spanish Mustang

Should be named north
Carolina's State horse

Yours truly,
Miller MacDonald

Dear Senator Burr,

I think the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be our state horse as they have survived over 500yrs. They were brought over by Spaniards over seas. By making them our state horse we will be able to protect them by having more laws to keep them safe.

Their DNA data could be used to keep this breed and to keep this breed known for their strong leg and endurance in the future.

If the Colonial Spanish Mustang is the state horse it will bring money into the economy and save this breed from extinction. These are the reasons why we should join nine other states with a state horse of our own.

Sincerely Jesse Sawyer

4-21-09

Dear Senator Burr

Can the Spanish Mustang be our state horse? Here are some reasons why the Spanish Mustang should be our state horse. The Spanish Mustang should be our state horse because they arrived in 1520, and the first colony arrived in 1584, the Mustang arrived 64 years earlier than the first colony, so they should roam free. They were here before us. The Spanish Mustang can earn money by bringing tourism. Because people would like a picture of a Spanish Mustang on a shirt. To pay to see a Mustang on a peice of land roaming free. When people have to stay at a motel. And eat and do other activities. It would be speical to North Carolina. Because there are nine states with state horses and if the Spanish Mustang becomes the state horse, there would be ten states with state horses.

They do not have free roaming
horses, but we have free roaming
horses.

Sincerely,
Jesse Zenil

Dear Senator Basnight,

I am a concerned citizen and a student in seventh grade at Moyock Middle School. The reason why I'm concerned is because of the wild Spanish mustangs, of corolla. These wild horses have survived for nearly 500 years, battling the blistering summers, and the freezing winters. Not to mention they have provided for themselves for all this time, roaming the beaches.

How did they get here? These majestic creatures came aboard a ship with the Spanish, once they reached the shore; the horses got spooked, jumped off the ship and ran to shore. Since then the horses have been free to roam the sandy beaches of corolla.

I think that we should make the wild Spanish mustangs North Carolina's state horse. These horses need to be preserved, they are an endangered species. I know that the tourist can't help but see and take pictures of these beautiful animals, but something has to be done. Intentionally these horses have been injured and they have been injured accidentally. These injuries can be prevented if we make the wild Spanish mustang the state horse. We need to show the horses that we respect them, by preserving them. Humans have taken away the land of the horses, pushing them northward into Carova. Talk has been going around, about paved roads and stores in Carova, if people have lived down there for this long without stores or roads why should we put them down now? With less than one hundred of these horses left, things aren't looking good for the horses if things keep going the way they are right now.

So if you could please think about making the state horse of North Carolina, the wild Spanish Mustang.

Sincerely,

Kennedy Cormier.

April 1, 2009

Dear Mr. Marc Basnight,

I am a student writing to you from Moyock Middle School. I wanted you to hear what I had to say about the Corolla Wild Horses. My classmates and I have agreed that North Carolina should make the Spanish Mustangs the state horse.

We think this because; the Spanish Mustangs have not been treated right for the last 500 years, and are losing their lives drastically. If we do make this horse the state horse then they will lose their thought of extinction and be able to live free. These horses have lived here in the United States for 500 years and I hope that numbers still keeps going up, but it won't if we continue to give these horses nothing but our hatred. The Spanish Mustang has lived through many hurricanes and lack of food. They truly do represent the Outer Banks' spirit.

North Carolina has many things with history. Take Sir Walter Raleigh and we now have a city named after him, and more in particular we have our capital named after him. We also had Blackbeard visit the Currituck Sound and the Atlantic Sea, when they were still connected. Christopher Columbus also brought over 12 mustangs with him over to our waters and yes, they were Spanish mustangs. Christopher Columbus was not the only one who brought over these horses, the Spaniards did, too. As you see North Carolina has much history I don't think you want to destroy this little bit of it.

Years ago the horses were free to roam all over Corolla, but now man has pushed them to Carova Beach. There are now less than 100 horses their and we wanted to keep it over 100. If you made the horse our state horse then we would have less kills of them, there have already been three mustangs killed because of tourists shooting them purposely. The horses could not survive if we put roads and civilization in Carova, because they would have very little space to roam and be free like they have been for the many years they have been here. The civilization would just killing off their population and we would not have their significance ever again. There are 11 other states that have state horses why doesn't North Carolina have one. That would make us the first state to have the Spanish mustang as our state horse; wouldn't that be history-making?

In conclusion I would like to ask again, Can we make the Spanish Mustang the state horse? With all of their history it would make our state even more fascinating. North Carolina could really use this as a break through. If we have them as a state horse then the tourists will appreciate them and not try to shoot them. So Senator please let my voice be heard and make the state horse the majestic Spanish Horse.

Sincerely,

Calli James

May 19, 2009

Senator Marc Basnight
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2808

Dear Senator Basnight:

People of the Outer Banks would like to name the Colonial Spanish mustang, also known as the Corolla wild horse, the State Horse of North Carolina. We would like to ask you to vouch for this idea.

A long time ago the Spaniards tried to come to our state. They also tried to bring livestock with them. The Colonial Spanish mustang was included. The Spanish ships were close to shore and hit rocks because the boats were too heavy. Because of that, the Spaniards threw the heaviest livestock overboard, the poor mustangs. Luckily, they could swim. A year later the Spaniards came back. Indians saw the horses and asked the Spaniards to teach them to ride. The Spaniards considered this and told the Indians they would trade the horses to them.

Nowadays, they are low in population as they die from sickness and being hit by cars. They are protected and it is illegal to come within fifty feet of a wild horse. But pollution is hurting the protected area that the horses live in. The Colonial Spanish mustang has thrived for approximately four hundred years on the Outer Banks. It was the first horse in the state of North Carolina and deserves to be known for it. That is why the citizens of the Outer Banks would very much like the horse to be our state horse.

We thank you for taking valuable time from your busy schedule as Senator to listen to us. We shall not judge you by your decision.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wyatt Fairbanks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wyatt Fairbanks
Grade 4
Knotts Island Elementary School
Knotts Island, North Carolina

May 6, 2009

Senator Richard Burr
N. C. U.S. Senate
2000 West First Street
Suite 508
Winston- Salem, N.C. 27104

Dear Senator Burr:

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A long time ago the Spaniards tried to come to our state. They also tried to bring livestock with them. The Colonial Spanish mustang was one of them. When they were close to shore they hit rocks because the boat was too heavy. Because of that, the Spaniards had to throw the heaviest livestock overboard, the poor mustang. Luckily for them they could swim. A year later the Spaniards came back. Indians saw the horses and asked the Spaniards to teach them to ride the horses. The Spaniards considered this and told the Indians they would trade the horses to them.

Nowadays, they are low in population as they die from sickness and being hit by cars. They are protected and it is illegal to come within fifty feet of a wild horse as it is considered a potential offense. But pollution is hurting the protected area that the horses live in. The Colonial Spanish mustang has thrived for approximately four hundred years. They are the first horse in the state of North Carolina and deserve to be known for it. That is why the citizens of the Outer Banks would very much like the horse to be our state horse.

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Sincerely yours,

Wyatt Fairbanks
Grade 4
Knott's Island Elementary School
Knott's Island, North Carolina

May 13, 2009

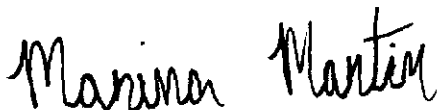
Senator Marc Basnight
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Basnight:

As you know, the Corolla wild horse is a brave and noble animal; but, it's up to you to save them. This well known creature to the citizens of North Carolina is desperate to even live, and if you don't lend us your hand to help, one day they may become extinct. Sir, I'm asking you to name the Corolla wild horse the State Horse of North Carolina. This can open a large chance of survival for them, because the Corolla Wild Horse Fund will raise money to have a fenced environment developed so the horses will not get hurt. I can see them from my house and they are so gorgeous that I'm sure other citizens think they're beautiful as well.

So, Senator Basnight, please put it in your heart to name the Corolla wild horse the state horse of North Carolina and save many horses' lives. I and many other wild horse lovers appreciate your time and consideration you put into reading this letter. May God bless your heart if you choose to take advantage of this conspicuous action.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marina Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Marina Martin
Grade 5
Knotts Island Elementary School
Knotts Island, North Carolina

Moyock Elementary School
255 Tulls Creek RD
Moyock NC, 27958
April 7, 2009

Dear Senator Marc Basnight ,

The purpose I am writing this letter to you is to save the Colonial Spanish Mustang. The mustang is in great danger. Just recently, our whole grade went to the extension center of North Carolina. Do you know what is happening to our colonial Spanish Mustang? The horse is about to become extinct. People keep feeding the wonderful horse food on the beach that they are not supposed to eat. Normally, the Spanish Mustangs eat acorns, but when people feed them their stomachs do not recognize the food and the horse dies. All of the Colonial Spanish mustangs are still allowed to live life free, but life is also hard for them. What if we made the Colonial Spanish mustang our state horse? If our state agreed on it, people would probably stop injuring them. Some people respect the miraculous horses, but some people do not care if the beautiful beast becomes extinct. If we make the Mustang our state horse, we will be the tenth state to have a state horse!! I surely hope the Colonial Spanish Mustang will be safe soon, and people will stop making the horse extinct. When you vote for the state horse, please keep the Colonial Spanish Mustang in mind.

Sincerely,
Cydney Christian ☺

Moyock Elementary
255 Tulls Creek Rd
Moyock NC 27958
March 30, 2009

Dear Representative Bill Owens,

As you probably know the Colonial Spanish Mustang Ponies are endangered. This is because people will not leave them alone and they keep feeding them things that they have never had. I think that if we made this animal our state horse more people would respect it and that they would leave it alone. North Carolina could be the tenth state to have a state horse. Now wouldn't that be awesome to be on the list of states with a horse? These ponies are beautiful and special animals and if we don't take care of them they could be gone forever and be extinct. Please give thought to this letter and I hope you agree with me on this decision.

Sincerely,
Hannah J. Sahr

Moyock Elementary
255 Tulls Creek Rd.
Moyock, NC 27958
March 30, 2009

Dear Senator Marc Basnight,

Our class went on a trip to the Extension Center in Corolla, North Carolina. We learned about the wild horses of North Carolina and met a real wild Spanish Mustang. This trip taught me a lot about the wild horses.

They are close to being extinct because they are being fed by people and people are ruining their habitats. We need to help save these horses and keep them alive.

I think it would be cool to make the wild Colonial Spanish Mustang horse our state horse. We would be the 10th state have a state horse. This would help bring the attention to this beautiful animal. If they become our state horse, then you could help save them and maybe people would stop feeding them and ruining their habitats.

Please try to help them. They are a part of our history. You would make a lot of horse fans and North Carolina happy. They deserve to be rescued, so please make them our state horse and help save them.

Sincerely, Madison Miller