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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Salazar DATE TYPED 03/05/05 HJM 99

SHORT TITLE Representative John Mershon, In Honor SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 99 expresses condolences on the death of former legislator John Mershon who served in the New Mexico House of Representatives for twenty-four years (1958 through 1982) and provided extra-ordinary service to his state and his community. HJM82 resolves that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Milicent, his wife, and to William and James B. Mershon, his sons.

#### Significant Issues

During his twenty-four career a state representative, Mr. Mershon exercised considerable influence in the adoption legislation, especially in the development of policies that impact the appropriation of the state's resources. He chaired one of the most powerful committees in the House, the House Appropriations and Finance Committee and is credited with creating the professional staff of the Legislative Finance Committee. He also as a member of various other committees such as the Tax Study Committee (1973) and the House Energy Committee (1975 & 1976).

In addition to his numerous contributions as a legislator, Mr. Mershon was a successful businessman in the real estate banking.

Possessed of many interests, Mr. Mershon devoted time and energy to community service in the Cloudcroft area. He helped found the Sacramento Historical Society, was instrumental in getting

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United States route 82 from Alamogordo to Cloudcroft paved. His community service has received both recognition and acclaim, and these activities have led to Cloudcroft's medical center being named in his honor.

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