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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/01/07

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SHORT TITLE Senator John Pinto Day SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 54 honors thirty years of service by State Senator John Pinto and declares February 28, 2007 "Senator John Pinto day" at the Senate. A copy of the memorial is to be delivered to Senator Pinto.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Citing his humble beginnings as a member of a sheep herding family in Lupton, Arizona and Gallup, New Mexico, the memorial lists his educational accomplishments at a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school and his earning both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in elementary education from the University of New Mexico.

Senate Memorial 55 also cites Senator Pinto's many accomplishments, some which are

- Served for thirty years in the New Mexico State Senate;
- Was in the United States Marines as a code talker; and, in 2001, received a Congressional Silver Medal of Honor for his service as a code talker;
- Employed as a school teacher for twenty-eight years as a school teacher in the Gallup-McKinley Schools;

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- Served as president of the Breadsprings Chapter of the Navajo Nation from 1950 to 1954;
- Was president of the Gallup Indian community center from 1950 through 1970,
- Served as secretary-treasurer for the Red Rock Chapter of the Navajo Nation from 1954 to 1960; and
- Was as a member of the eastern Navajo tribal council from 1950 to 1960; and
- Was elected in 1972 to the McKinley county board of commissioners, where he served four years as a commissioner.

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