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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/25/13

SPONSOR Caballero LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 43

SHORT TITLE Congressional Medal for Dr. Victor Westphall SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 43 (HJM 43) requests the United States Congress to award Dr. Victor Westphall the Congressional Gold Medal.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HJM 43 notes that Dr. Westphall built a Vietnam War Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico after losing his son, David, in the Vietnam War. In 2005, the Angel Fire Vietnam Memorial become New Mexico's thirty-third State Park and is the only State Park dedicated exclusively to the veterans of the Vietnam War. HJM 43 adds that Vietnam War veterans regard the memorial to be the definitive remembrance of the harsh realities of a war that divided the country.

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