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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/07

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE “New Mexico Highlands University Day” SB SJM 43

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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

Senate Joint Memorial proclaims March 3, 2007 as “New Mexico Highlands University Day” at the Legislature.

The Memorial provides for the following:

- Since 1893, New Mexico Highlands University has provided innumerable opportunities in educational advancement and professional development for New Mexicans.
- New Mexico Highlands University has produced first-rate graduates in the fields of education, social work, business and arts and sciences.
- New Mexico Highlands University is dedicated to serving students from distinctive cultural, socioeconomic, linguistic, geographic, religious and educational backgrounds.
- New Mexico Highlands University is committed to excellence in teaching, discovering, preserving and applying knowledge and is responsive to new opportunities for community-based partnerships, economic development, research and public service.
- New Mexico Highlands University envisions becoming the premier Hispanic-serving institution in the country, welcoming students from all ethnic backgrounds, while providing unrivaled quality higher education.
- New Mexico Highlands University believes wholeheartedly in the concept of student-centered education and personal attentiveness to the individual student.

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- New Mexico Highlands University is determined in its focus on its multiethnic student body with special emphasis on the rich heritage of Hispanic and Native American cultures that are distinctive to New Mexico and particularly northern New Mexico.

The Memorial further resolves that March 3, 2007 be proclaimed as "New Mexico Highlands University Day" at the Legislature.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation attached to this legislation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

First established as New Mexico Normal School in Las Vegas, the institution became New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) in 1941, as it expanded its role beyond teacher education. Today, NMHU in Las Vegas offers graduate and undergraduate programs in arts and sciences, business, education, and social work. Through distance education, Internet courses, and on-site faculty, NMHU also offers some degree completion and graduate programs in Farmington, Rio Rancho, Española, Santa Fe, and Roswell. Although students from all over the world attend NMHU, the majority of its approximately 3,500 students is from New Mexico and is Hispanic. Highlands' programs focus on its multi-ethnic student body, especially the Hispanic and Native American cultures distinctive of New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Memorial requests that a copy of this legislation be sent to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

March 3, 2007 will not be set aside to recognize New Mexico Highlands University and their contribution to New Mexico.

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