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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Chasey LAST UPDATED _____ HM 74

SHORT TITLE Mary Thom, In Memory SM _____

ANALYST Sandoval

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 74 honors the memory of Mary Thom, who enabled the voices of women to be heard in the media across America.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Mary Thom was one of the founders and editor of *Ms. Magazine*, a magazine that brought the feminist movement into homes in the United States beginning in the 1970s. As political editor, Thom ranked politicians' commitment to feminist and progressive ideas.

Upon leaving *Ms. Magazine* in 1992, Thom co-founded the Women's Media Center with Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda, and Robin Morgan. The Women's Media Center focuses on advocacy, political campaigns, media and leadership training, ensuring that women are powerfully and accurately represented. The center is recognizing Thom by instituting the "Mary Thom Art of Editing Award" and awarding it to her posthumously.

Mary Thom passed away in a motorcycle accident on April 26, 2013, her death was noted as an enormous blow to the women's movement by her fellow co-founders.

A copy of HM 74 will be sent to the family of Mary Thom and to the Board of the Women's Media Center.

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