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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE WAR DOGS, IN RECOGNITION SB SJM 1

ANALYST Wilson

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 1 recognizes the courage, heroism and sacrifice of war dogs and offers humble gratitude for the heroic performance of war dogs as the auxiliary and best friends of American service personnel.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NFI

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The military has faithfully been served by tens of thousands of war dogs during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War; the Bosnia and Kosovo peacekeeping operations; and coalition operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

These war dogs were specially trained for extremely hazardous duties, such as scout sentry, tracking, mine and booby trap detection, tunnel and water patrol, coast guard, messenger, search and rescue, and explosives and drug detection.

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American military war dog teams have established a long and legendary history of courage, heroism and sacrifice on countless foreign fields of battle and are credited with saving many thousands of lives of Americans, allies and noncombatants.

War dogs have significantly reduced the enemy's capacity to sabotage or destroy war equipment worth billions of dollars, working only for food, water and the love, loyalty and bond of their handlers.

Thousands of war dogs with everyday names like Prince, Duke, Gomer, Tuffy, Fritz, Lady, Rebel, Sarge, Pirate, Krim, Buck, Rusty, Satan and Blackie never returned from their duty in harm's way.

The national war dog team memorial is currently being crafted for permanent display in Washington D.C.

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