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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Armory Centennial Celebration SM 28

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 28 requests marking the centennial celebration of the Las Vegas Armory.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM 28 states that the Las Vegas National Guard Armory was built in 1907 and celebrates its centennial anniversary this year. The National Guard was federalized from among separate militias in the country just after the Spanish American War. The federalizing of state militias into the National Guard occurred only four years before the Las Vegas armory was built.

SM 28 further states that during World War I, the national guard made up forty percent of the United States divisions in France, and in World War II the National Guard comprised nineteen divisions. In World War II, guard units from New Mexico participated across Europe from Africa to Southern Italy, and from the Maginot Line to Munich. Many of the guardsmen from New Mexico were among the soldiers who liberated concentrations camps. In World War II, guardsmen from the Las Vegas Company F were in combat for five hundred eleven days and saw some of the fiercest fighting and persevered with great bravery. The Las Vegas Armory is an edifice that came to stand for the importance and dignity of service in the National Guard.

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The Senate of the State of New Mexico requests that it mark the importance of the Las Vegas National Guard Armory centennial with a celebration and increased awareness of the historic contributions to the freedom of today's United States made by the men and women who passed through the doors of the building. SM 28 also requests that New Mexico celebrate the renovations of the century-old building as not only a memorial to bravery but also a door to a future of multipurpose uses.

Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor of Las Vegas and the Department of Military Affairs.

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