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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Tyler</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>1/31/08</u>	HM	<u>42</u>
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SHORT TITLE	<u>Lovington Centennial Celebration</u>			SB	
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 42 declares that the House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico join with Lovington residents to celebrate one hundred years as a community that the state take pride in the ongoing growth, development and contributions of this southeastern city; and that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, to each of the state's southern New Mexico elected officials, to the mayor of Lovington and to each of the public schools in Lovington.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 42 makes the following statements about Lovington, New Mexico;

- Lovington, a city of nearly ten thousand persons in southeastern New Mexico, was established in 1908; and
- Lovington, whose first post office was housed in the Jim B. Love grocery store and run by the proprietor of the grocery store, offers warm summer days, cool nights and mild sunny winters; and
- From the time of its establishment, Lovington has been a center for ranching and farming families spread across southeastern New Mexico; and
- Lovington was designated as the county seat when Lea county was created from parts of Chaves and Eddy counties in 1917; and
- Oil was discovered in 1928 in Lovington, but had little impact on the economy until 1950, when the Denton pool nine miles northeast of town was discovered; and
- Oil then quickly transformed Lovington, as some ninety-two flowing wells were established soon after 1950 and people working on the wells poured into the town; and
- The dairy industry has begun to take part in the growth of the city, whose population mushroomed from four hundred eleven people in 1920 to one thousand nine hundred

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sixteen in 1940 to the current nine thousand six hundred; and

- Today, Lovington boasts a public library with over forty-nine thousand items, a senior citizen center, an activity center, five city parks, one swimming pool, eleven baseball fields, numerous practice fields for little league, one shooting range, a museum, a hospital, four doctors, two chiropractors, three dentists, at-home nursing services, well-trained emergency transportation personnel and scores of civic organizations; and
- Lovington is home to national football league player Brian Urlacher; and
- Lovington is the former home of professional golfers Ronnie Black and Sean Murphy;

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