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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/12/09

SPONSOR Ingle LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Tim and Patty Jennings' Breast Cancer Outreach SM 82

ANALYST Williams

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriations in HB2 to the University of New Mexico Cancer Center

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 82 honors the life of Patty Jennings and the commitment of Senator Tim and Patty Jennings to the cause of breast cancer research and outreach, including education, awareness, screening and registry. Patricia K. "Patty" Jennings, wife of Senator Timothy Z. Jennings, passed away on February 14, 2009 after a four-year struggle with breast cancer. Senate Memorial 82 notes Patty Jennings and Senator Tim Jennings have left a tremendous legacy for breast cancer research well into the future.

Among the many contributions of Patty and Senator Tim Jennings discussed in the memorial:

The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) approved a statewide breast cancer research and outreach program at the UNM Cancer Center to be named "The Senator Tim and Patty Jennings Breast Cancer Research and Statewide Outreach Program".

Patty and Tim Jennings became ardent advocates for those patients across the state and nation who are suffering from breast cancer. They became particularly interested in inflammatory breast cancer, a rare and aggressive form of cancer affecting primarily young women, from which very few survive and for which there is no effective therapy. Originally diagnosed with this type of breast cancer, Patty Jennings later learned she had a different, high-risk form of breast cancer, but continued to help others with inflammatory breast cancer.

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Patty and Senator Tim Jennings successfully lobbied for a bill to establish a partnership between UNM and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to conduct inflammatory breast cancer research ---- the first collaboration of its kind in the nation. The New Mexico Legislature unanimously passed Senate Bill 532 in 2007 to appropriate \$3.2 million for inflammatory breast cancer research, and the Texas Legislature contributed \$4 million to the partnership. Through the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, American Airlines committed an additional \$8 million to the fund and dedicated ten jets to display the pink breast cancer ribbon to promote breast cancer research. The memorial also discusses initiatives in the areas of education, awareness, screening and registry. Senate Memorial 82 notes Patty Jennings and Senator Tim Jennings have left a tremendous legacy for breast cancer research well into the future.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Memorial 82 contains no fiscal impact.

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