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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Rep. Richard T. Knowles, In Honor SM 21

ANALYST Chabot

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 21 resolves former Representative Richard T. Knowles, Lieutenant General (retired) United States Army be honored for his integrity and contributions and service to the country, the state of New Mexico and the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Richard T. Knowles was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1916 and left the University of Illinois in 1942 to join the army as a 2d Lieutenant in the artillery. He served for more than 30 years participating in the Normandy invasion in World War II, the Inchon landing during the Korean War and received a Purple Heart in Vietnam. He held several high level commands including the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade and commanding general of task force Oregon. He received numerous awards recognizing his service including the Distinguished Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters designating he earned the recognition on five separate occasions. In addition he received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and 25 Air Medals. He earned the rank of Lieutenant General by just “doing what I was trained to do.”

After retiring from the military, General Knowles settled in Roswell and eventually was elected to the House of Representatives from District 57 where he served eight terms retiring in 1998. He served as minority floor leader and on House Appropriation and Finance, Education, Energy and Natural Resources, Government and Indian Affairs, Judiciary, Rules and Order of Business, and Transportation and Public Works Standing Committees. Known as “The General” he was known for his open mind, integrity, quick wit, hard work and outgoing personality and the “art of compromise.”

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He was a strong supporter of the New Mexico Military Institute and was instrumental in establishing a legislative scholarship program to allow young people across the state to attend. The Legislature renamed the award the “General Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship” upon his retirement from the legislature.

In 1994, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor Society’s Distinguished Citizen’s Award for his years of service.

This memorial honors General Knowles for his contributions and services to the United States and the People of New Mexico.

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