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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
STUDENT UNION

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A BILL

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BILL HISTORY

According to the duly ratified Treaty of Fort Laramie, 1851, the land occupied by the University of Colorado belongs to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Nations. The United States Government has violated all of its 371 plus treaties with Indian Nations and The Treaty of Fort Laramie is no exception.

When the United States decided it wanted the land it took it by force, slaughtering native peoples if necessary. Such was the case at Sand Creek.

The University of Colorado has shown a complete lack of respect for the Sovereign Nations of the Arapaho and the Cheyenne (as evidenced by the 20 year delay in renaming Nichols Hall).

We the students do not have the power to return this land to its rightful protectors, only the United States Government can absolve these crimes. But we do have the power to honor and remember the Nations and their rights as such. It is in this spirit that we alter the name of the University Memorial Center to the Sand Creek University Memorial Center.

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BILL SUMMARY

UCSU declares the University Memorial Center to be renamed the Sand Creek University Memorial Center.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1: UCSU recognizes that the United States Government, the State of Colorado, the City of Boulder, and the University of Colorado are illegally occupying the land belonging to the Arapaho and Cheyenne Nations.

SECTION 2: UCSU declares that the name of the University Memorial Center be amended to the Sand Creek University Memorial Center.

SECTION 3: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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