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**University of Colorado
Student Union
Legislative Council**

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**A Resolution
Resolution History**

Colorado State Representative Don Lee presented a first draft on 12-17-01 of his House Bill concerning anti-rioting legislation entitled "Student Riots Higher Education." This bill specifies that a person shall be ineligible to pay in-state tuition or receive state financial aid for a period of 12 months following the date of conviction if the person is convicted of one of more specified offenses relation to riots or an offense for which the underlying factual basis involved one or more specified offenses relating to riots. This bill also allows a state-supported institution of higher education to refuse to enroll a person on this basis. It also requires the person to pay out-of-state tuition during the 12 month period at any state funded institution.

Resolution Summary

Whereas: The University of Colorado Student Union strongly condemns rioting and feels all individuals guilty of rioting should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

Whereas: The University of Colorado Student Union acknowledges the great harm done to all parties involved when riots occur.

Whereas: Students are citizens of the State of Colorado and thus deserve equal consideration under the law.

Whereas: Depriving students of in-state tuition classification creates an improper alienation of state citizenship.

Whereas: The University of Colorado Code of Conduct clearly states the responsibilities of students, and the consequences that will follow breaking the Code.

Whereas: Citizens of the State of Colorado value their ability to access opportunities of affordable education.

Whereas: Providing an appropriate venue for celebration would help break down the structure of the riot. The University of Colorado Student Union is committed to working to anticipate and prevent riots proactively.

Whereas: The current local judicial systems have the capability of most effectively combating riot related incidents.

Be it resolved by the 56th Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

Section 1: **The** University of Colorado Student Union calls on the Colorado General Assembly to vote down Rep. Lee's House Bill 1173, "Student Riots Higher Education".

Section 2: The University of Colorado Student Union calls for the support of the University of Colorado at Boulder and the City of Boulder in anticipating riots and taking proactive action to prevent them.

Section 3: The University of Colorado Student Union will take a proactive role in preventing future riots by providing a suitable environment for celebration. UCSU will compose a comprehensive plan by May of 2002 in an effort to reduce the likelihood of riots.

Section 4: This resolution takes effect upon passage.

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