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**University of Colorado Student Government**

**Legislative Affairs Commission**

**Date: 4 April 2013 78 LCR 03 — Recognize Veterans**

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**A Resolution to Recognize the Role of Student Veterans at the University Memorial Center**

**Resolution History**

In 1947, Colorado Governor Lee Knous proclaimed the planned University of Colorado student union a memorial to “those who served in these great wars.” After remarkable fundraising efforts by thousands of Coloradoans, the University Memorial Center opened its doors in October 1953 with President Robert L. Stearns presiding over the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

When the University Memorial Center (UMC) was announced, in 1947, Colorado Governor Lee Knous proclaimed that it was to serve as a memorial to "those who served in these great wars." The UMC remains the Colorado State memorial. Accordingly, the UMC hosts memorial and veteran-related events for the Colorado state government as well as national, state, and local organizations.

Yet, University of Colorado veterans lack a space of their own within the UMC. Across from the security desk, there are three plaques and a few items from World War II in an area known as the "Veterans' Lounge," but this open hallway is neither a lounge nor a usable space for veterans. This bill seeks to change that by giving them a permanent presence in the building that honors their brothers- and sisters-in-arms and those who served to keep this country safe.

**Resolution Summary**

**Whereas:** The UMC provides space for student groups.

**Whereas:** There is a registered group of student veterans at CU (herein known as Student Veterans).

**Section 1:** The University Memorial Center shall offer the Student Veterans space every year, so long as they remain a registered student group in good standing with SOFO.

**Section 3:** This Student Veterans space shall be centrally located such that it might be easily accessibly for those with physically disabilities.

**Vote Count**

**04/04/2013 Withdrawn**

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