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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-010**

101     **CONCERNING PROFESSOR WARD L. CHURCHILL'S ESSAY "SOME**  
102             **PEOPLE PUSH BACK: ON THE JUSTICE OF ROOSTING**  
103             **CHICKENS".**

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1             WHEREAS, The tragedy of September 11, 2001, marked one of  
2             the darkest days in American history; and

3             WHEREAS, The pain of the families who lost loved ones in the  
4             September 11, 2001, attacks is immeasurable and ongoing; and

5             WHEREAS, It is important for the people of Colorado to provide  
6             support and compassion to those who suffered a loss as a result of the  
7             terrorist attacks; and

8             WHEREAS, Professor Ward L. Churchill's essay, "Some People  
9             Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens" concerning the terrorist  
10            attacks of September 11, 2001, strikes an evil and inflammatory blow  
11            against America's healing process; and

12            WHEREAS, Professor Churchill's essay contains a number of

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 statements and contentions that are deplorable and do not reflect the  
2 values of the people of the state of Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, Professor Churchill's essay, which claims that the  
4 victims at the World Trade Center were not innocent, states, "As for those  
5 in the World Trade Center, . . . well, really, let's get a grip here, shall we?  
6 True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But Innocent, Gimme a  
7 break." And Professor Churchill goes on to compare the innocent victims  
8 of the September 11, 2001, attacks to Adolph Eichmann, the man who  
9 executed Hitler's plan to exterminate the Jews during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Professor Churchill also states, "America's  
11 indiscriminately lethal arrogance and psychotic sense of self-entitlement  
12 have long since given the great majority of the world's peoples ample  
13 cause to be at war with it . . . ." He further claims, "With that, they've  
14 given Americans a tiny dose of their own medicine . . . ."; and

15 WHEREAS, Professor Churchill ends his essay with these final  
16 words, "'You've got to learn,' the line went, 'that when you push people  
17 around, some people push back.' As they should. As they must. And as  
18 they undoubtedly will. There is justice in such symmetry."; and

19 WHEREAS, These statements and the essay as a whole represent  
20 a distorted and delusive account of the September 11, 2001, attacks; and

21 WHEREAS, The General Assembly respects the tradition of  
22 academic freedom and the First Amendment's protection of free speech,  
23 however a tenured professor must not abuse the rules and regulations and  
24 academic standards of the University of Colorado; and

25 WHEREAS, The taxpayers of the state of Colorado deserve the  
26 assurance that public moneys spent by public institutions of higher  
27 education are used to pay the salaries of professors and instructors who  
28 hold to at least a minimum level of integrity, scholarship, and academic  
29 competence; and

30 WHEREAS, Professor Churchill's statements calling for violence  
31 against and expressing hatred for America and its citizens, including the  
32 victims of September 11, 2001, do not rise to a minimal level of  
33 scholarship and academic competence; now, therefore,

34 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly*  
35 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

36 (1) That the General Assembly expresses its heartfelt sympathy  
37 for the victims of the September 11, 2001, tragedy and their families; and

38 (2) That the General Assembly strongly urges the University of  
39 Colorado Board of Regents to terminate the employment of Ward L.  
40 Churchill in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the  
41 University of Colorado.

42 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be  
43 sent to University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman, the

1 University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor's office, the University of  
2 Colorado Board of Regents, and University of Colorado at Boulder  
3 Professor Ward L. Churchill.