

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 23

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman GARCIA

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the President of the United States
2 to implement a full quarantine of Cuba until a democratic government is
3 elected.
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Since illegally coming to power in 1959, the government of Fidel
6 Castro has constantly demonstrated a consistent disregard for
7 internationally adopted standards of human rights and democratic values;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, The Cuban people have demonstrated their desire for freedom and
10 democracy and their opposition to the Castro government by risking their
11 lives by organizing demonstrations in opposition to Castro's totalitarian
12 regime; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, Cubans regardless of their age, gender and medical conditions, are
14 presently undertaking the hazardous and perilous 90 mile journey of
15 freedom to the United States; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, Fidel Castro is attempting to manipulate this exodus of innocent
17 people to win concessions from an American nation that has grown
18 increasingly impatient and intolerant of his regime; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, The Castro regime has historically placed citizens of the United
20 States in danger by maintaining a government dominated by the military and
21 proliferating its offensive military capacity 90 miles from this nation's shores;
22 and
- 23 **WHEREAS**, In response to Castro's continued ruthless leadership, many
24 Americans, regardless of ethnic or national background, feel strongly that
25 the United States needs to isolate Castro's Cuba from the rest of the
26 democratic world; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, The citizens of New Jersey fully support the federal "Cuban
28 Democracy Act of 1992" and the trade embargo currently imposed by the
29 government of the United States against the Cuban government; and
- 30 **WHEREAS**, While additional sanctions recently imposed by President Clinton
31 are having a dramatic impact on the ability of Castro to continue his forced
32 rule over the Cuban people, a full quarantine of

1 Cuba will further isolate the Castro government from the rest of the world,
2 and thus hasten its movement towards democratic elections; now, therefore

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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6 1. The President of the United States is memorialized to assist the people
7 of Cuba by implementing a full quarantine of Cuba until such time that the
8 authoritarian regime of Fidel Castro gives way to a democratically elected
9 government.

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11 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
12 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
13 to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives and every member of Congress elected from this
15 State.

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STATEMENT

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20 This resolution memorializes the President of the United States to
21 implement a full quarantine of Cuba until such time that the authoritarian regime
22 of Fidel Castro gives way to a democratically elected government.

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