

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 61

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman GUSCIORA

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the Governor and the New Jersey
2 Sports and Exposition Authority to release for purchase to all New
3 Jerseyans any tickets to the NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship
4 games that have been designated for use by public officials.
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6 WHEREAS, The "Final Four" games of the National Collegiate Athletic
7 Association college basketball championships will be held at the Brendan
8 Byrne Arena on March 30 and April 1, 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, Because the NCAA has designated an extremely limited number
10 of tickets for sale in New Jersey, citizens of this State generally cannot
11 purchase tickets to these tremendously popular and prestigious games; and

12 WHEREAS, A limited number of tickets will be designated for the use of public
13 officials by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the
14 organization responsible for hosting the games; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the sentiment of this House that such a "set-aside" is unfair and
16 creates an unfavorable impression of entitlement and political favoritism;
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18 WHEREAS, Citizens of New Jersey, whose tax dollars have been used to help
19 defray the debt service of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority,
20 should have an equal and fair opportunity to purchase these tickets; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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25 1. This House urges the Governor and the New Jersey Sports and
26 Exposition Authority to make an accounting indicating the number of tickets
27 for the 1996 NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship games that will be
28 earmarked for use by public officials.
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30 2. This House urges the Governor and the New Jersey Sports and
31 Exposition Authority to release to the citizens of this State tickets for the 1996
32 NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship games that will be earmarked
33 for use by public officials.
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35 3. This House endorses the creation of a lottery whereby citizens of this

1 State will have the opportunity to purchase such tickets.

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3 4. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
4 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk, shall be transmitted to
5 Governor Christine Todd Whitman and to Robert E. Mulcahy, III, President
6 and Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition
7 Authority.

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STATEMENT

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12 This resolution urges Governor Whitman and the New Jersey Sports and
13 Exposition Authority to make available for purchase to the citizens of this State
14 any tickets for the 1996 NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship games
15 that have been set aside for use by public officials. The resolution urges the
16 Governor and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to make an
17 accounting indicating the number of such tickets prior to their release to the
18 public. The resolution endorses the creation of a lottery whereby all citizens
19 of this State would have the chance to enter and win the opportunity to
20 purchase such tickets.

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25 Urges release for purchase by New Jerseyans any tickets for the 1996 NCAA
26 "Final Four" basketball championships that have been designated for use by
27 public officials.

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