## **SENATE RESOLUTION No. 26**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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## **By Senator ADLER**

1	A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Governor, the New Jersey Sports and
2	Exposition Authority and the President and Athletic Director of Rutgers
3	University to release for purchase to all New Jerseyans tickets to the
4	NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship games that have been
5	designated for use by public officials and Rutgers University "VIPs."
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7	WHEREAS, The "Final Four" games of the National Collegiate Athletic
8	Association college basketball championships will be hosted by Rutgers
9	University at the Brendan Byrne Arena on March 30 and April 1, 1996;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, Because the NCAA has designated an extremely limited number
12	of tickets for sale in New Jersey, citizens of this State generally cannot
13	purchase tickets to these tremendously popular and prestigious games; and
14	WHEREAS, A number of tickets have been or will be designated for the use of
15	public officials by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, one of
16	the organizations responsible for hosting the games; and
17	WHEREAS, 350 tickets have been designated for the use of Rutgers University
18	"VIPs" and officials; and
19	WHEREAS, It is the sentiment of this House that such set-asides are unfair and
20	creates an unfavorable impression of entitlement and political favoritism;
21	and
22	WHEREAS, Citizens of New Jersey, whose tax dollars are used to help defray
23	the debt service of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and
24	support Rutgers University, should have an equal and fair opportunity to
25	purchase these tickets; now, therefore,
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27	<b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:
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29	1. This House urges the Governor, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition
30	Authority, and the President and Athletic Director of Rutgers University to
31	release to the citizens of this State tickets for the 1996 NCAA "Final Four"
32	basketball championship games that have been earmarked for use by public
33	officials and Rutgers University "VIPs."
34	2. This House endorses the creation of a lottery whereby citizens of this
35	State will have the opportunity to purchase such tickets.

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2	3. This House calls upon the Governor, the Sports and Exposition
3	Authority, and the President and Athletic Director of Rutgers University to
4	make an accounting setting forth how such tickets will be equitably distributed
5	to the public.
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7	4. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
8	the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to
9	Governor Christine Todd Whitman; Robert E. Mulcahy, III, President and
10	Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority;
11	Rutgers University President Francis Lawrence; and Rutgers University
12	Athletic Director Fred Gruninger.
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15	STATEMENT
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17	This resolution urges the Governor, the President of the Sports and
18	Exposition Authority, and the President and Athletic Director of Rutgers
19	University to make available for purchase to the citizens of this State any
20	tickets for the 1996 NCAA "Final Four" basketball championship games that $$
21	have been set aside for use by public officials and Rutgers "VIPs." The
22	resolution asks the Governor, the President of the Sports and Exposition
23	Authority and the President and Athletic Director of Rutgers to make an
24	accounting setting forth a plan for equitably distributing such tickets. The
25	resolution endorses the creation of a lottery whereby all citizens of this State
26	would have the chance to enter and win the opportunity to purchase such
27	tickets.
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31	Urges release for purchase by New Jerseyans tickets for the 1996 NCAA
32	"Final Four" basketball championships that have been designated for use by
33	public officials and Rutgers University "VIPs."