

Date of Hearing: April 25, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, AND TOURISM

Sharon Quirk-Silva, Chair

ACR 60 (Holden) – As Introduced April 13, 2023

SUBJECT: San Diego State University Aztecs: March Madness

SUMMARY: This measure would honor and congratulate the San Diego State University Aztecs for advancing to the 2023 NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament national championship game.

Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I men’s and women’s college basketball championship tournament, which begins in mid-March and concludes the beginning of April, is referred to as March Madness.
- 2) In the single-elimination tournament, 68 teams compete in seven rounds for the national championship.
- 3) In the 2022–23 season, the San Diego State University (SDSU) Aztecs men’s basketball team made history as the first California State University school to appear in the National Championship Game.
- 4) The Aztecs’ appearance in the regional final game, the Final Four, and the national title game is their first, and the first for a Mountain West Conference (MW) program, which began competition in the 1999–00 season.
- 5) The Aztecs, with a 32-7 overall record, captured MW regular season title with a 15-3 record, then won all three MW games and earned a No. 5 seed in the South Regional for the NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament.
- 6) The Aztecs defeated No. 12-seeded College of Charleston and No. 13-seeded Furman before defeating the overall No. 1-seeded Alabama in the Sweet 16 and No. 6-seeded Creighton to win the South Regional and make its first Final Four.
- 7) The Aztecs toppled the No. 9-seeded Florida Atlantic Owls 72 to 71 on a buzzer-beater by Lamont Butler in the Final Four to advance to the championship game.
- 8) The Aztecs played the University of Connecticut (UConn), the West Regional champion, for the national championship on April 4, 2023, which UConn won 76 to 59.
- 9) Brian Dutcher has been the Aztecs’ head coach for six seasons in which he has led the team to six MW title games, their conference-record 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th MW crowns, and to the NCAA tournament four times.
- 10) Dutcher is the only coach in the 101-year history of SDSU men’s basketball to win at least 20 games in each of his first six seasons.

- 11) The Aztecs won 32 games this season, the second most in program history. Only the 2010–11 squad led by Kawhi Leonard had more victories, with 34.
- 12) The Legislature of the State of California hereby honors and congratulates the San Diego State University Aztecs for advancing to the 2023 NCAA men’s basketball tournament national championship game.

FISCAL EFFECT: None. This measure is keyed nonfiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

There is no support on file.

Opposition

There is no opposition on file.

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