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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2018, AS NATIONAL SPEECH AND  
DEBATE EDUCATION DAY.

### Subtitle

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SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY.

WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on March 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, established by the National Speech & Debate Association in conjunction with national and local partners, National Speech and Debate Education Day serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy making; and

WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public speaking, and participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion; and

WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-school, after-school, and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and debate practices and competitions, and the example of hard work and dedication they set has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and



WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout their lives, and National Speech and Debate Education Day presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize and proclaim March 2, 2018, as National Speech and Debate Education Day.