

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1004**

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Sue), Bartels, Campbell, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Haggar, Haugaard, Howard, Jamison, Kaiser, Lake, Lust, Marty, May, Rasmussen, Rhoden, and Schoenfish and Senators Tidemann, Haverly, Monroe, Netherton, Partridge, and Stalzer

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing National Speech and Debate Education Day
2 on March 3, 2017.

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout



1 their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize that instruction as an
2 essential component of a well-rounded curriculum:

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
4 Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
5 Legislature hereby recognizes March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day
6 in South Dakota.