

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

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

WHEREAS, established by the National Speech & Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this event 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; 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 students in speech and debate practice, and competitions, and the example of hard work and dedication they set has lasting, positive impact on students; and

WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize that instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum:

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 24, 2017
January 26, 2017

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Speaker of the House

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