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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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14 **Subtitle**

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

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

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

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

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34 WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-school,
35 after-school, and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and
36 debate practices and competitions, and the example of hard work and



1 dedication they set has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and

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

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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12 THAT the Senate recognizes and proclaims March 2, 2018, as National
13 Speech and Debate Education Day.