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HR 1013

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5 By: Representative Womack
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

13 PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2018, AS NATIONAL
14 SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY.
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17 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated
18 on March 2, 2018; and
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20 WHEREAS, established by the National Speech & Debate Association in
21 conjunction with national and local partners, National Speech and Debate
22 Education Day serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate
23 across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these abilities
24 play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy making; and
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26 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop important
27 skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration
28 through the practice of public speaking, and participants learn not only to
29 analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur,
30 question, or dissent with reason and compassion; and
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32 WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-school,
33 after-school, and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and
34 debate practices and competitions, and the example of hard work and
35 dedication they set has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and
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1 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students
2 well throughout their lives, and National Speech and Debate Education Day
3 presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential
4 component of a well-rounded curriculum,

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6 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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