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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM MARCH AS NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE  
9 EDUCATION MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO PROCLAIM MARCH AS NATIONAL SPEECH AND  
14 DEBATE EDUCATION MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

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16 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated  
17 in March; and

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

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

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

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36 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students



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

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5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
6 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate proclaim March as National Speech and Debate Month at  
9 the Capitol.

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