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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY ON MARCH 3,
2017.

1 WHEREAS, each year the National Speech and Debate
2 Association designates a day to be celebrated as National Speech
3 and Debate Education Day; and
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5 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day will be
6 celebrated on March 3, 2017; and
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8 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is
9 established by the National Speech and Debate Association in
10 conjunction with national and local partners; promotes better
11 instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels; and
12 highlights the pivotal role that these speech and debate skills
13 play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy
14 making; and
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16 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop
17 crucial skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity,
18 and collaboration through the practice of public speaking; and
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20 WHEREAS, speech and debate education participants learn how
21 to analyze and express complex ideas effectively while also
22 learning to listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and
23 compassion; and
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25 WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-
26 school, after-school, and weekend time to support students in
27 speech and debate practice and competition; and
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29 WHEREAS, the example of hard work and dedication set by
30 speech and debate educators has a lasting and positive impact on
31 pupils; and
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33 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate
34 education serve students throughout their lives, and the chance
35 to celebrate National Speech and Debate Education Day on March 3
36 this year presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such



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1 instruction and education as essential components of a well-
2 rounded curriculum; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
6 that this body recognizes March 3, 2017, as National Speech and
7 Debate Education Day; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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