

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being
2 celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Established by the National Speech & Debate
4 Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this
5 event serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate
6 across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles those
7 abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public
8 policy-making; and

9 WHEREAS, Speech and debate education helps students develop
10 important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity,
11 and collaboration through the practice of public speaking;
12 participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas
13 effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent with
14 reason and compassion; and

15 WHEREAS, Across the country, countless educators devote
16 in-school, after-school, and weekend time to supporting their
17 students in speech and debate practices and competitions, and the
18 example of hard work and dedication they set has a lasting, positive
19 impact on their pupils; and

20 WHEREAS, The skills learned through speech and debate serve
21 students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a
22 welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential
23 component of a well-rounded curriculum; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

H.R. No. 29

1 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2017, as National Speech and
2 Debate Education Day in Texas.

Roberts

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House