

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is being  
2 celebrated on March 1, 2019; 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 86th Texas

H.R. No. 542

1 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2019, as National Speech and  
2 Debate Education Day in Texas.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 542 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House