LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fourth Legislature First Regular Session - 2017

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 3, 2017, AS NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY IN IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate recognize that National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby recognizes March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in Idaho.