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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing National Speech and
2 Debate Education Day.

3 *Whereas, National Speech and Debate Education Day is*
4 *being celebrated on March 3, 2017;*

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

11 *Whereas, Speech and debate education helps students*
12 *develop important skills in communication, critical thinking,*
13 *creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public*
14 *speaking;*

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1 *Whereas, Participants learn not only to analyze and*
2 *express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur,*
3 *question, or dissent with reason and compassion;*

4 *Whereas, Across the country, countless educators devote*
5 *in-school, after-school, and weekend time to supporting their*
6 *students in speech and debate practices and competitions,*
7 *and the example of hard work and dedication they set has a*
8 *lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and*

9 *Whereas, The skills learned through speech and debate*
10 *serve students well throughout their lives, and this occasion*
11 *presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction*
12 *as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum:*
13 *Therefore,*

14 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
15 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

16 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes
17 the importance of National Speech and Debate Education Day and the
18 valuable lessons learned through mastering these skills.

19 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
20 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the National
21 Speech and Debate Association.

