

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 5

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: designating March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day.

Whereas, established by the National Speech & Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this event, on March 3, 2017, serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy making; and

Whereas, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public speaking; and

Whereas, participants in speech and debate activities 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 United States, 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 activities serve students well throughout their lives; and

Whereas, this occasion, on March 3, 2017, presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That: the members of the Wisconsin legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in Wisconsin; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the National Speech & Debate Association.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk