



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

February 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, BEWLEY, COWLES, HARSDORF, JOHNSON, PETROWSKI, RISSER, L. TAYLOR, WIRCH and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, ANDERSON, BOWEN, E. BROOKS, DOYLE, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, MURPHY, RIEMER, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, TUSLER, ZAMARRIPA and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

11 Whereas, participants in speech and debate activities learn not only to analyze
12 and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent
13 with reason and compassion; and

14 Whereas, across the United States, countless educators devote in-school,
15 after-school, and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and debate

1 practices and competitions, and the example of hard work and dedication they set
2 has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and

3 Whereas, the skills learned through speech and debate activities serve
4 students well throughout their lives; and

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

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

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

13 (END)