

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2, 2019, as National Speech and Debate
2 Education Day.

3 WHEREAS, it is essential for youth to learn and practice the art of communicating,
4 with and apart from technology; and

5 WHEREAS, speech and debate education offers students myriad forms of public
6 speaking through which to develop their talents and exercise their unique voice and
7 character; and

8 WHEREAS, speech and debate gives students the 21st century skills of
9 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration; and

10 WHEREAS, important ideas, texts, and philosophies have the opportunity to
11 flourish when they have been analyzed critically and communicated effectively; and

12 WHEREAS, personal, professional, and civic interactions are enhanced by their
13 participants' abilities to listen, concur, question, and even dissent with reason and
14 compassion; and

15 WHEREAS, students who participate in speech and debate have chosen a
16 challenging activity that requires regular practice, dedication, and hard work; and

17 WHEREAS, teachers and coaches of speech and debate devote in-school, after-
18 school, and weekend hours to equip students with life-changing skills and opportunities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the lifelong
21 impact of providing citizens with the confidence and preparation to both discern and
22 share their views; and

23 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day acknowledges that most
24 achievements, celebrations, commemorations, and pivotal moments in modern history
25 begin, end, or are crystallized with public address; and

26 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day recognizes that learning to
27 research, construct, and present an argument is integral to personal advocacy, social

1 movements, and the making of public policy; and

2 WHEREAS, the National Speech and Debate Association, in conjunction with
3 national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of speech and debate
4 through National Speech and Debate Education Day; and

5 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the
6 importance of speech and debate instruction and its integration across grade levels and
7 disciplines;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes March 2, 2019, as National Speech and
12 Debate Education Day.

13 ➔Section 2. The Senate strongly affirms the purposes of National Speech and
14 Debate Education Day.

15 ➔Section 3. The Senate encourages educational institutions, businesses,
16 community and civic associations, and all citizens to celebrate and promote National
17 Speech and Debate Education Day.

18 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Michael Robinson, Murray High School Speech Team Coach, 1800
20 Sycamore St., Murray, Kentucky 42071.