

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing March 1, 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 1, 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.