

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 3, 2017, AS NA-  
3 TIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY IN IDAHO.

4 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate recognize that Na-  
6 tional Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on March 3, 2017;  
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8 WHEREAS, established by the National Speech and Debate Association in  
9 conjunction with national and local partners, this event serves to promote  
10 better instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and high-  
11 lights the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy, social  
12 movements and public policy-making; and

13 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students to develop impor-  
14 tant skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity and collabora-  
15 tion through the practice of public speaking. Participants learn not only  
16 to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur,  
17 question or dissent with reason and compassion; and

18 WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-school, af-  
19 ter-school and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and de-  
20 bate practices and competitions, and the example of hard work and dedication  
21 they set has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils; and

22 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students  
23 well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome op-  
24 portunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a  
25 well-rounded curriculum.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
27 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
28 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby recognizes March  
29 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in Idaho.