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House Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Representative MCLAIN

Whereas National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

Whereas established by the National Speech and Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this occasion 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 involvement leads to increased positive civic education and civic engagement for our young people; 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 learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen and concur; and

Whereas participants also learn questioning techniques and how to dissent with reason and compassion; and

Whereas across the country, 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 education serve students well throughout their lives, and National Speech and Debate Education Day presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day.

Adopted by House February 20, 2017

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 6, 2017

Peter Courtney, President of Senate