



## SENATE RESOLUTION 530—DESIGNATING MARCH 4, 2022, AS “NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY”

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### **S. RES. 530**

**Whereas** it is essential for youth to learn and practice the art of communicating with and without technology;

**Whereas** speech and debate education offers students myriad forms of public speaking through which students may develop talent and exercise unique voice and character;

**Whereas** speech and debate education gives students the 21st-century skills of communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration;

**Whereas** critical analysis and effective communication allow important ideas, texts, and philosophies the opportunity to flourish;

**Whereas** personal, professional, and civic interactions are enhanced by the ability of the participants in those interactions to listen, concur, question, and dissent with reason and compassion;

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

**Whereas** teachers and coaches of speech and debate devote in-school, afterschool, and weekend hours to equip students with life changing skills and opportunities;

**Whereas** National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the lifelong impact of providing people of the United States with the confidence and preparation to both discern and share views;

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

**Whereas** National Speech and Debate Education Day recognizes that learning to research, construct, and present an argument is integral to personal advocacy, social movements, and the making of public policy;

**Whereas** the National Speech & Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of speech and debate through National Speech and Debate Education Day; and

**Whereas** National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the importance of speech and debate education and the integration of speech and debate education across grade levels and disciplines: Now, therefore, be it

### **Resolved, That the Senate—**

- (1) designates March 4, 2022, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”;
- (2) strongly affirms the purposes of National Speech and Debate Education Day; and
- (3) encourages educational institutions, businesses, community and civic associations, and all people of the United States to celebrate and promote National Speech and Debate Education Day.

