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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-007

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2, 2018, AS NATIONAL**
102 **SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is
2 celebrated on March 2, 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, Established by the National Speech and Debate
4 Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this event
5 serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all grade
6 levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal
7 advocacy, social movements, and public policy making; and

8 WHEREAS, Speech and debate education helps students develop
9 important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and
10 collaboration through the practice of public speaking. Participants learn

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1 not only to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to
2 listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion; and

3 WHEREAS, Across the country, countless educators devote
4 in-school, after-school, and weekend time to supporting their students in
5 speech and debate practices and competitions, and the example of hard
6 work and dedication they set has a lasting, positive impact on their pupils;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The skills learned through speech and debate serve
9 students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome
10 opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a
11 well-rounded curriculum; now, therefore,

12 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*
13 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

14 That we, the members of the General Assembly, hereby designate
15 March 2, 2018, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in
16 Colorado.

17 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
18 to the National Speech and Debate Association.