



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-007

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Carver and Pettersen, Arndt, Becker K., Beckman, Benavidez, Bridges, Buck, Buckner, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Danielson, Esgar, Everett, Exum, Foote, Garnett, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Kennedy, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, Lundeen, McKean, McLachlan, Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Neville P., Pabon, Rankin, Ransom, Reyher, Roberts, Rosenthal, Saine, Salazar, Sandridge, Sias, Singer, Thurlow, Valdez, Weissman, Willett, Wilson, Winter, Wist, Young, Duran.

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

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

WHEREAS, Established by the National Speech and Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, this event 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 education helps students develop important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public speaking. Participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or 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 serve students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum; now, therefore,

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

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

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

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THE SENATE

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