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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 722 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, NEILSON, MACKENZIE, QUIGLEY, MILLARD,  
KINSEY, BIZZARRO, PICKETT, DUSH, SONNEY, HENNESSEY,  
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MURT, DRISCOLL, WARREN, WATSON AND ROEBUCK, MARCH 6, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 6, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2, 2018, as "National Speech and Debate  
2 Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Speech and Debate Education Day" is being  
4 celebrated on March 2, 2018; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Speech and debate education helps students develop  
12 important skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity  
13 and collaboration through the practice of public speaking; and

14 WHEREAS, Participants learn not only to analyze and express  
15 complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, question  
16 or dissent with reason and compassion; and

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

6       WHEREAS, The skills learned through speech and debate serve  
7 students well throughout their lives; and

8       WHEREAS, This occasion presents a welcome opportunity to  
9 recognize speech and debate instruction as an essential  
10 component of a well-rounded curriculum; therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March  
12 2, 2018, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day" in  
13 Pennsylvania.