
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 722 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, NEILSON, MACKENZIE, QUIGLEY, MILLARD,
KINSEY, BIZZARRO, PICKETT, DUSH, SONNEY, HENNESSEY,
LONGIETTI, RYAN, PASHINSKI, WARD, TURZAI, READSHAW, HILL-
EVANS, MARSICO, B. MILLER, EVERETT, HEFFLEY, DIGIROLAMO,
MURT, DRISCOLL, WARREN, WATSON AND ROEBUCK, MARCH 6, 2018

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

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.