

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6009

A RESOLUTION recognizing National Speech and Debate Education Day.

WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day is celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Established by the National Speech & 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 support 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 House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6009 was sponsored by Representative Ed Trimmer.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*