

By: Representative Sanford

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2, 2018, AS "SPEECH  
2 AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, established by the National Speech and Debate  
4 Association in conjunction with national and local partners,  
5 "Speech and Debate Education Day" serves to promote education of  
6 speech and debate in schools throughout Mississippi and to  
7 highlight the pivotal roles that speech and debate play in  
8 personal advocacy, social movements and public policy; and

9 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop  
10 important life skills such as communication, critical and  
11 analytical thinking, creativity and collaboration through the  
12 practice of public speaking, and participants learn to not only  
13 analyze and express complex ideas effectively, but also to listen,  
14 concur, question or dissent with reason and compassion; and

15 WHEREAS, because speech and debate skills are an essential  
16 component of a well-rounded curriculum, countless educators devote  
17 in-school, after-school and weekend time to supporting their  
18 students in speech and debate practices and competitions, and the



19 example of hard work and dedication set by these educators  
20 provides a lasting and positive impact on their students; and

21 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day will be  
22 celebrated across the country on March 2, 2018, and because the  
23 skills learned through speech and debate serve students well  
24 throughout their lives, this occasion presents a welcomed  
25 opportunity to recognize this day in Mississippi:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
28 THEREIN, That we do hereby designate March 2, 2018, as "Speech and  
29 Debate Education Day" in Mississippi.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
31 furnished to the National Speech and Debate Association and to the  
32 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

