Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3001

Introduced by

Representatives Beadle, Mock

1 A concurrent resolution declaring March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and Debate Education

2 Day".

3 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day was established by the National

4 Speech & Debate Association in conjunction with national and local partners, and is being

5 celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the event serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all

7 grade levels and highlight the pivotal roles speech and debate play in personal advocacy, social

8 movements, and public policymaking; and

9 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in

10 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public

11 speaking in which participants learn not only to express complex ideas effectively, but also to

12 listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion; and

13 WHEREAS, across the country countless educators devote their time in-school, after-

14 school, and on weekends to supporting students in speech and debate practices and

15 competitions, and their hard work and dedication has lasting and positive impacts on their

16 students; and

WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughouttheir lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize speech and debate

19 instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum;

## 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF

21 NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly declares March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
to the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders.