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H. R. No. 325

Speaker Rosenberger

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 1
Association to use the Ohio House Chambers to conduct 2
its 2016 congressional debate competition. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The members of the Ohio House of Representatives of 4
the 131st General Assembly of Ohio have learned that the Western 5
Ohio National Speech and Debate Association has requested 6
permission to use the Ohio House Chambers for its congressional 7
debate competition, March 19, 2016; and 8

WHEREAS, As part of its annual Student Congress competition, 9
the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association will use 10
the Ohio House Chambers on March 19, 2016, for a mock legislative 11
debate. This activity will provide a unique opportunity for 12
participants to experience firsthand rules and procedures similar 13
to those of the state legislature and will help them to better 14
understand the democratic process that is the cornerstone of our 15
nation; and 16

WHEREAS, The knowledge that participants will gain through 17
their involvement with the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 18
Association's Student Congress competition will not only enrich 19
their total educational experience but will also prepare them to 20
take a more active role in fulfilling their responsibilities as 21
citizens of this great state and nation; and 22

WHEREAS, The House Chambers are an appropriate location for 23
the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association's Student 24

Congress activities. Following a true legislative format and held 25
within the setting in which the lawmaking process normally takes 26
place, the mock debates will provide the group's members with an 27
excellent opportunity to engage in a simulation of government in 28
action; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 30
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31
this Resolution, authorize the use of the Ohio House Chambers on 32
March 19, 2016, by the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 33
Association for its Student Congress competition, contingent upon 34
the availability of those facilities, and commend all those 35
involved with this event on their civic responsibility; and be it 36
further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives 38
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 39
Western Ohio National speech and Debate Association. 40