

**As Introduced**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 31**

**Senator Peterson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Permitting the use of the Ohio Senate Chambers by the 1  
Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association 2  
District on March 18, 2017. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 4  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to grant permission for the Ohio 5  
Senate Chambers to be used by the Western Ohio National Speech and 6  
Debate Association District for its Student Congress competition 7  
on March 18, 2017; and 8

WHEREAS, As part of its annual Student Congress competition, 9  
the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association District 10  
will use the Ohio Senate Chambers on March 18, 2017, for a mock 11  
legislative debate. This activity will provide a unique 12  
opportunity for participants to experience firsthand rules and 13  
procedures similar to those of the state legislature and will help 14  
them to better understand the democratic process that is the 15  
cornerstone of our nation; and 16

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 30  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, authorize 31  
the use of the Ohio Senate Chambers on March 18, 2017, by the 32  
Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association District for 33  
its Student Congress competition, contingent upon the availability 34  
of those facilities, and commend all those involved with this 35  
event on their civic responsibility; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 37  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Western Ohio National 38  
Speech and Debate Association District. 39