

**As Introduced**

**135th General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 269**

**Senator Huffman, M.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Permitting the use of the Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing 1  
rooms by the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 2  
Association on March 18, 2024. 3

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 4  
of Ohio are pleased to grant permission for the Ohio Senate Chamber 5  
and hearing rooms to be used by the Western Ohio National Speech and 6  
Debate Association for its Congressional Debate Tournament on March 7  
18, 2024; and 8

WHEREAS, As part of its annual Congressional Debate Tournament, 9  
the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association will use the 10  
Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms on March 18, 2024, for a mock 11  
legislative debate. This activity will provide a unique opportunity 12  
for 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 their 17  
involvement with the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 18  
Association Congressional Debate Tournament will not only enrich their 19  
total educational experience but will also prepare them to take a more 20  
active role in fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens of this 21  
great state and nation; and 22

WHEREAS, The Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms are an 23  
appropriate location for the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 24

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 30  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, authorize the use of 31  
the Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms on March 18, 2024, by the 32  
Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association for its 33  
Congressional Debate Tournament, contingent upon the availability of 34  
those facilities, and commend all those involved with this event on 35  
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. 39