

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 18

Senator Reineke

A RESOLUTION

Permitting the use of the Ohio Senate Chamber and 1
hearing rooms by the Western Ohio National Speech 2
and Debate Association on March 15, 2025. 3

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th 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
15, 2025; 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 15, 2025, 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; and 15

WHEREAS, The knowledge that participants will gain through their 16
involvement with the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 17
Association Congressional Debate Tournament will not only enrich their 18
total educational experience but will also prepare them to take a more 19
active role in fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens of this 20
great state and nation; and 21

WHEREAS, The Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms are an 22
appropriate location for the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate 23
Association Congressional Debate Tournament. Following a true 24

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 29
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, authorize the use of 30
the Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms on March 15, 2025, by the 31
Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association for its 32
Congressional Debate Tournament, contingent upon the availability of 33
those facilities, and commend all those involved with this event on 34
their civic responsibility; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Western Ohio National 37
Speech and Debate Association. 38