

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 280**

**Senator Reineke**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, DeMora,  
Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Landis, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds,  
Roegner, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

Authorizing the Ohio Speech and Debate Association to 1  
use the Ohio Senate Chamber on March 21, 2026. 2

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 3  
of Ohio have learned that the Ohio Speech and Debate Association has 4  
requested permission to use the Ohio Senate Chamber for the National 5  
Speech and Debate Association Western Ohio District Qualifying 6  
Tournament, March 21, 2026; and 7

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Ohio Speech and Debate 8  
Association has provided students with the opportunity to find their 9  
voices and become civically involved, and the knowledge gained through 10  
the NSDA Western Ohio District Qualifying Tournament will certainly be 11  
of value to participants in the years to come; and 12

WHEREAS, By utilizing the facilities that accommodate those 13  
involved in the state legislative process, the Ohio Speech and Debate 14  
Association will offer students an accurate depiction of state 15  
government and the manner in which legislation is created and 16  
processed; and 17

WHEREAS, Through participation in the NSDA Western Ohio District 18  
Qualifying Tournament, students will be better prepared to become 19  
productive members of our complex and ever-changing society. The 20

maturity and experience participants will gain as a result of their 21  
involvement with the Ohio Speech and Debate Association will not only 22  
enrich their total educational experience but also enable them to make 23  
better-informed decisions as they assume the responsibilities of adult 24  
citizenship; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 26  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, permit the Ohio Speech 27  
and Debate Association to use the Ohio Senate Chamber, contingent upon 28  
the availability of that facility, and salute the participants as some 29  
of Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 31  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio Speech and Debate 32  
Association. 33