

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2015 "CHESS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, chess is one of the world's most popular  
5 games, played by millions of people worldwide in homes,  
6 parks, clubs, online, by correspondence and in tournaments;  
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8 WHEREAS, studies show that chess assists with improved  
9 memory, improved cognitive abilities, strategic thinking and  
10 attention improvement; and

11 WHEREAS, studies have shown that chess education is an  
12 effective tool for developing analytical skills in children;  
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14 WHEREAS, chess education has been shown to improve test  
15 scores for students; and

16 WHEREAS, there are countless instances of chess being  
17 credited with changing people's lives for the better; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a deep and impressive roster of  
19 chess educators who have worked tirelessly to increase  
20 access to chess education for children in New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, learners chess academy, founded in 2010, has  
22 developed after-school chess clubs in more than forty  
23 schools over the last four years, has taught thousands of  
24 children how to play chess in after-school programs and  
25 camps and has become nationally recognized for its

1 innovative work; and

2 WHEREAS, chess educators, organizers and tournament  
3 directors have been teaching and developing chess  
4 opportunities for New Mexico youth for many years;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2015 be declared  
7 "Chess Day" in the senate and that recognition be given to  
8 individuals who made contributions to the development of  
9 countless young people through years of service as chess  
10 coaches, organizers and directors; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that educators and others  
12 wishing to make a difference in the lives of young people be  
13 urged to consider how they can support the development of  
14 youth chess in New Mexico as coaches, organizers,  
15 volunteers, donors or in other ways that positively  
16 contribute to opportunities for young people to learn the  
17 game of chess; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico chess  
20 organization. \_\_\_\_\_

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