SENATE MEMORIAL 100

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 "YOUTH CHESS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the ancient game of chess is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people in homes, parks and clubs, online, by correspondence and in tournaments; and

WHEREAS, countless studies show that a chess education serves to improve student outcomes in math and reading scores and overall cognitive ability and executive functioning; and

WHEREAS, there are countless instances of early-age chess learning being credited for changing people's lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, chess educators, organizers and tournament directors have been teaching and developing chess opportunities for young people for many years; and

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1   WHEREAS, Learners Chess academy, a New Mexico nonprofit

2   organization founded in 2010, has developed after-school chess

3   clubs in over fifty schools over the last five years, taught

4   thousands of children how to play chess in after-school

5   programs and camps and has become nationally recognized for its

6   innovative work;

7   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

8   OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2016 be declared "Youth Chess

9   Day" in the senate and that recognition be given to chess

10 coaches, organizers and administrators who contribute to the

11 teaching and enjoyment of chess learning of thousands of New

12 Mexico students every year; and

13   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that educators and others intending

14 to make a difference in the lives of young people be urged to

15 consider how they can support the development of youth chess in

16 the state as coaches, organizers, volunteers, donors or in any

17 other way that positively contributes to opportunities for New

18 Mexico youth to learn the game of chess; and

19   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

20 transmitted to the president of Learners Chess academy.

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