

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 266

Designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as “National Chess Week” to enhance awareness and encourage students and adults to engage in a game known to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 4, 2013

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as “National Chess Week” to enhance awareness and encourage students and adults to engage in a game known to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Whereas there are more than 80,000 members of the United States Chess Federation (referred to in this preamble as the “Federation”), and unknown numbers of additional people in the United States who play chess without joining an official organization;

Whereas approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members of the Federation are members of scholastic chess programs;

Whereas many studies have linked scholastic chess programs to the improvement of students' scores in reading and math, as well as improved self-esteem;

Whereas the Federation offers guidance to educators to help incorporate chess into the school curriculum;

Whereas chess is a powerful cognitive learning tool that can be used to successfully enhance students' reading skills and understanding of math concepts, as well as to improve memory function for people of all ages;

Whereas chess also offers educational and social activity benefits to adults and is used in programs to help stroke victims and people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; and

Whereas the Federation offers programs for adults including senior citizens, members of the Armed Forces, and veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of October 7 through
3 13, 2013, as “National Chess Week” to enhance
4 awareness and encourage students and adults to
5 play chess, a game known to enhance critical-think-
6 ing and problem-solving skills for students of all
7 ages, learning abilities, and strengths; and

8 (2) encourages the people of the United States
9 to observe National Chess Week with appropriate
10 programs and activities.

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