

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 811

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A RESOLUTION relative to the benefits of chess in education and correctional systems.

WHEREAS, the game of chess is an ancient and universally recognized game that has been played for centuries, proving its enduring appeal and value; and

WHEREAS, chess is renowned for its capacity to develop critical thinking skills, strategic planning, and problem-solving abilities among individuals; and

WHEREAS, the educational benefits of chess are well-documented, contributing significantly to the cognitive development of students and enhancing their academic performance; and

WHEREAS, the skills acquired through chess, such as concentration, pattern recognition, and patience, have a positive impact on a student's overall learning experience; and

WHEREAS, chess provides a unique avenue for promoting conflict resolution and fostering a sense of responsibility and fair play among individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we invest in programs that not only enhance educational outcomes but also contribute to the development of essential life skills; and

WHEREAS, the application of chess programs within correctional facilities has demonstrated positive effects on inmates, including increased focus, self-discipline, and a reduction in recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the game of chess, being both educational and rehabilitative, aligns with Tennessee's commitment to investing in initiatives that have a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the benefits of chess in education and correctional systems and encourage the incorporation of chess programs in schools and correctional facilities across the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the efforts of individuals and organizations working to promote chess as a tool for educational enhancement and rehabilitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Correction, and other relevant authorities to promote awareness and encourage the integration of chess programs in schools and correctional facilities throughout the State.