


Councilmember Tommy Wells

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To designate April 18, 2013 as “Chess in the Schools Day” to encourage students, teachers, and parents to play chess and to promote awareness of the value of chess in education.

WHEREAS, chess engages students of all backgrounds and all abilities and promotes problem-solving and higher-level learning skills;

WHEREAS, chess is a powerful educational tool that improves academic performance and social skills;

WHEREAS, chess has broad cultural appeal and is played in countries all around the world;

WHEREAS, academic studies link chess education to higher scores in reading and math, as well as improvement in classroom behavior and self-esteem;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Chess Center has offered chess programs in more than 80 D.C. public schools and taught 30,000 children the rules, strategy, and etiquette of the game since its founding in 1992;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Chess Center is working to promote the adoption of chess into school curriculum and the benefits of chess in education;

WHEREAS, school leaders across the District of Columbia have expressed support for chess in the schools;

WHEREAS, chess expert Rochelle Ballantyne will be visiting Washington, D.C., on April 18, 2013, to meet with students, teachers, and educators and to promote the work of the U.S. Chess Center; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that the Council of the District of Columbia proclaims April 18, 2013, as “Chess in the Schools Day Recognition Resolution of 2013.”

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.