

## Senate Resolution 681

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Rahman of the 5th, Jordan of the 6th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Thomas and Tonya Clem and the Metro Atlanta Chess  
2 Partners Inc. for their contributions to the metro Atlanta community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas and Tonya Clem established the Metro Atlanta Chess Partners in 2015  
4 after recognizing that minority children in the west side of Atlanta had been underserved in  
5 participating in national tournaments through US Chess; and

6 WHEREAS, since 2015, Metro Atlanta Chess Partners has offered chess services at Brown  
7 Middle School, M. Agnes Jones Elementary, Metropolitan Library, Carver Family YMCA,  
8 and Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church and are currently hosting their Chess after Church  
9 program at Washington Park Tennis Center on the first and second Sundays at no cost; and

10 WHEREAS, Metro Atlanta Chess Partners has provided mentoring and funding for children  
11 to participate in US Chess rated tournaments, purchased memberships for 179 students, and  
12 hosted 22 rated tournaments with extremely high demographic participation and had a total  
13 of 219 participants take place in US Chess rated tournaments and eight participants in the  
14 2018 Atlanta Junior High Nationals; and

15 WHEREAS, Metro Atlanta Chess Partners intends to bridge the educational gap through the  
16 principles of chess.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 recognize and commend Thomas and Tonya Clem and the Metro Atlanta Chess Partners and  
19 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued prosperity, happiness, and service to the  
20 city of Atlanta, the state, and the nation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Thomas and  
23 Tonya Clem of the Metro Atlanta Chess Partners.