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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating October 18, 2007, as "Lights On Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Nearly 1.8 million school-age children and youths in
- 4 Pennsylvania return from school to a home where each parent is
- 5 working; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Many of these children are unsupervised for 20 to 25
- 7 hours per week; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs provide safe, challenging,
- 9 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and
- 10 youths develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and
- 11 academic skills; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs support working families by
- 13 ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular
- 14 school day ends; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs promote positive relationships
- 16 and build stronger communities by involving students, parents,

- 1 business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young
- 2 people; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs engage families, schools and
- 4 diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of
- 5 children; and
- 6 WHEREAS, "Lights On Afterschool!" is a national celebration
- 7 of afterschool programs on October 18 that promotes the critical
- 8 importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of
- 9 children, families and communities; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 18, 2007, as
- 11 "Lights On Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.