

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 20, 2011, as "Lights on Afterschool! Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 28 million children in the United States
4 have parents who work outside the home and more than 14 million
5 children have no place to go after school; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 1.3 million children who are between 6 and
7 17 years of age in Pennsylvania have both parents in the work
8 force or, in single-parent families, the sole parent in the work
9 force; and

10 WHEREAS, Twenty-six percent of the nation's school-age
11 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after
12 school; and

13 WHEREAS, Out-of-school hours represent the single biggest
14 block of time for children and youth and a key time during the
15 development of children into adolescents and adolescents into
16 adults; and

1 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs provide safe, challenging,
2 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth
3 develop academic, cultural, emotional, physical and social
4 skills; and

5 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs support working families by
6 ensuring that their children are safe and productive during out-
7 of-school hours; and

8 WHEREAS, Research illustrates that high-quality programming
9 improves student achievement, reduces crime by and against
10 children and youth and promotes positive social development; and

11 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs build stronger communities by
12 involving parents, business leaders and student and adult
13 volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting
14 positive relationships among children, youth, families and
15 adults; and

16 WHEREAS, "Lights on Afterschool!" is a national celebration
17 of afterschool programs, which event promotes the critical
18 importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of
19 children, their families and their communities; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 20, 2011, as
21 "Lights on Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.