## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 411

Session of 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating October 18, 2007, as "Lights On Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Nearly 1.8 million school-age children and youth in
- 4 Pennsylvania return from school to a home where every parent is
- 5 absent due to employment outside the home; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Many of these children are unsupervised on average
- 7 20 to 25 hours per week; and
- 8 WHEREAS, After school programs provide safe, challenging,
- 9 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth
- 10 develop social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic
- 11 skills; and
- 12 WHEREAS, After school programs support working families by
- 13 ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the
- 14 regular school day ends; and

- 1 WHEREAS, After school programs build stronger communities by
- 2 involving parents, business leaders and student and adult
- 3 volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting
- 4 positive relationships among children, youth, families and
- 5 adults; and
- 6 WHEREAS, After school programs engage families, schools and
- 7 diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of our
- 8 children; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool! is a national celebration of
- 10 after school programs on October 18, 2007, that promotes the
- 11 critical importance of quality after school programs in the
- 12 lives of children, their families and their communities;
- 13 therefore be it
- 14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
- 15 18, 2007, as "Lights On Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.