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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 17, 2013, 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 15 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

17 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs provide safe, challenging,

1 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth  
2 develop academic, cultural, emotional, physical and social  
3 skills; and

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 17, 2013, as  
20 "Lights on Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.