
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 569 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, HENNESSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW,
NEILSON, ROZZI, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE,
DIGIROLAMO, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, BURNS, DRISCOLL, STURLA,
J. HARRIS, SCHWEYER, MURT, GOODMAN, V. BROWN, BIZZARRO,
ROEBUCK, BRADFORD, DEASY AND WARREN, OCTOBER 24, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 26, 2017, 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 are left unsupervised after school; and

6 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs support working families and
7 provide businesses with increased worker productivity; and

8 WHEREAS, A 2016 PEAR Institute and iMMAP study found that
9 high-quality afterschool programs provide for increased
10 identity, understanding and critical thinking skills through
11 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)
12 activities; and

13 WHEREAS, In a recent national survey, 52% of parents cited
14 cost as a barrier to enrollment in an afterschool program; and

15 WHEREAS, Evaluations from 21st Century Community Learning
16 Center's programs in this Commonwealth found that students

1 experience significant benefits from participating in
2 afterschool programs, including improved grades in math and
3 language arts/reading, improved academic performance and
4 recovery of high school credits or courses; and

5 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs build stronger communities by
6 involving parents, business leaders and student and youth
7 volunteers in the lives of young individuals, thereby promoting
8 positive relationships among children, youths, families and
9 adults; and

10 WHEREAS, "Lights On Afterschool Day," founded 18 years ago,
11 is a national celebration of afterschool programs that promotes
12 the critical importance of afterschool programs in the lives of
13 children, families and communities; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
15 October 26, 2017, as "Lights On Afterschool Day" in
16 Pennsylvania.