
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HOUGHTON, KESSLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, McCALL, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUNDY, MURT, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PRESTON, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SEIP, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STURLA, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 1, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 1, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 22, 2009, 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 age 6 through 17 in
7 this Commonwealth have both parents in the work force or, in
8 single-parent families, have the sole parent in the work force;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Twenty-six percent of school-age children in the
11 United States are responsible for taking care of themselves
12 after school; and

13 WHEREAS, Out-of-school hours represent the single biggest

1 block of time for children and youth and a key time during the
2 development of children into adolescents and adolescents into
3 adults; and

4 WHEREAS, After-school programs provide safe, challenging,
5 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth
6 develop academic, cultural, emotional, physical and social
7 skills; and

8 WHEREAS, After-school programs support working families by
9 ensuring that their children are safe and productive during out-
10 of-school hours; and

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

14 WHEREAS, After-school programs build stronger communities by
15 involving parents, business leaders and student and adult
16 volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting
17 positive relationships among children, youth, families and
18 adults; and

19 WHEREAS, "Lights on Afterschool! Day" is a national
20 celebration of after-school programs on October 22, 2009, that
21 promotes the critical importance of quality after-school
22 programs in the lives of children, their families and their
23 communities; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
25 22, 2009, as "Lights on Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania.