

# Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

In the Senate, October 17, 2011

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop academic, cultural, emotional, physical and social skills; and

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

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

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

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

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

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 207, introduced by Senators David S. Argall, Dominic Pileggi, Patrick M. Browne, Richard Alloway, II, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Wayne D. Fontana, Andrew E. Dinniman, John C. Rafferty, Jr., Mary Jo White, Jeffrey E. Piccola, Jane C. Orie, John Pippy, Richard A. Kasunic, Lisa M. Boscola, Elisabeth J. Baker, Judith L. Schwank, John F. Yudichak, Edwin B. Erickson, Jim Ferlo, Jane M. Earll, LeAnna M. Washington, Timothy J. Solobay, Christine M. Tartaglione, Kim L. Ward, Jay Costa, Michael J. Stack and Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr., and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eleven.



Attest:

  
Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary