
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 20, 2016, 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 the school bell rings; and

6 WHEREAS, After school programs provide safe, challenging,
7 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and
8 youths develop academic, cultural, emotional, physical and
9 social skills; and

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

13 WHEREAS, After school programs provide for a fun and
14 supportive educational environment for Science, Technology,
15 Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and

16 WHEREAS, A recent national survey found that 52% of parents

1 cite cost as a barrier to enrolling their children in after
2 school programs; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 811,954 students in Pennsylvania would
4 participate in an afterschool program if one were available to
5 them; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, "Lights on Afterschool Day," a national celebration
16 of after school programs held on October 20, 2016, promotes the
17 critical importance of quality after school programs in the
18 lives of children, their families and their communities;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
21 20, 2016, as "Lights on Afterschool Day" in Pennsylvania.