

108TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 456

Designating October 14, 2004, as “Lights On Afterschool! Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 10, 2004

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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

Whereas quality afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;

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

Whereas quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of children;

Whereas “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 14, 2004, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families, and their communities;

Whereas more than 28,000,000 children in the United States have parents who work outside the home, and 14,300,000 children have no place to go after school; and

Whereas many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are forced to close their doors and turn off their lights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 14, 2004, as “Lights On
3 Afterschool! Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling on the communities of the Nation to
6 engage in innovative afterschool programs and ac-
7 tivities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors
8 stay open for all children after school.

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