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Legislation Text

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To recognize October 20, 2011 as "Lights On Afterschool Day" in Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus, Ohio stand firmly committed to quality after school programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Kids Program has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 20th, 2011 promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million 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 being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council hereby recognizes October 20, 2011, as "*Lights On Afterschool Day*" in Columbus, Ohio, and that Columbus City Council enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool* and commits our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.