

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 528

Supporting after-school programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of after-school programs held on October 23, 2025.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. KAINE)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting after-school programs and Lights On Afterschool,
a national celebration of after-school programs held on
October 23, 2025.

Whereas millions of children in the United States have par-
ents who work outside of the home;

Whereas high-quality programs that expand learning opportu-
nities for children, such as after-school, before-school,
summer, and expanded learning opportunities, provide
safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences,
including experiences that encourage the study of science,
technology, engineering, and math that help children and
youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and
academic skills;

Whereas high-quality after-school programs and high-quality
expanded learning opportunities provide students with

hands-on, engaging lessons that are aligned with the school day;

Whereas high-quality after-school programs complement regular and expanded school days and support working families by ensuring that the children of those families are safe and productive during the hours parents are working;

Whereas high-quality after-school programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children and youth in the United States;

Whereas high-quality after-school programs that partner with high-quality community-based organizations build stronger communities by integrating schools with the larger community; and

Whereas Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of after-school, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities programs will be held on October 23, 2025, to highlight the critical importance of those high-quality programs to children and the families and communities of those children: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports Lights On After-
- 2 school, a national celebration of after-school programs
- 3 held on October 23, 2025.

