

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize *Lights on Afterschool!* and The Three ABC's to the Circle of Life Youth Program in Dallas for their outstanding contributions to the education and development of children; and

WHEREAS, *Lights on Afterschool!* is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to after-school programs by 2010; The Three ABC's to the Circle of Life Youth Program is sponsored by the Dispute Mediation Service of Dallas County for the purpose of teaching youth how to settle disputes in a nonviolent manner; and

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2003, more than 5,000 communities across the nation will observe the fourth annual *Lights on Afterschool!*, a celebration of the vital role that after-school programs play in keeping children safe, improving their academic achievement, and helping working families; and

WHEREAS, In Dallas, *Lights on Afterschool!* will take place at the Larry Johnson Recreation Center and will be sponsored by the Dispute Mediation Service, Incorporated, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation centers, and the Youth Conflict Resolution Center; and

WHEREAS, Participants in the event will play conflict resolution games, learn about voting at a mock voters registration booth, and hear a presentation by the Buffalo Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The national supporters of *Lights on Afterschool!* are the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, the C. S. Mott Foundation, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, and the Open Society Institute; and

WHEREAS, After-school programs and conflict resolution training help to keep children safe and have a positive impact on their lives, their families, and the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend *Lights on Afterschool!* and The Three ABC's to the Circle of Life Youth Program for their dedicated work on behalf of many deserving children and extend best wishes to all associated with these programs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Dallas presentation of *Lights on Afterschool!* as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 8, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate