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Lights On Afterschool

*Goodwin Elementary hosts "Lights On Afterschool"
on November 2nd*

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NORTH CHARLESTON— On Monday, November 2, 2009, the W.B. Goodwin Elementary Boys and Girls Club/21st Century site director, Brett Snyder, organized a "Lights On Afterschool" promotional assembly to highlight the importance of quality and affordable after school programs for students. This campaign was started by Afterschool Alliance (www.afterschoolalliance.org) since after school programs influence students' learning and achievement and provide opportunities for students to participate in local programs and activities. North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey attended the event and presented Brett Snyder with a proclamation from the city declaring November 2 as "Lights On Afterschool Day." Dr. Vashti Washington, Associate Superintendent of the Lowcountry Learning Community, Harry "Chip" Limehouse III, South Carolina Representative, and Cindy Mowry, a JCPenney representative, gave motivational speeches about programs and promoting local support through the United Way and constituents' voices and votes. Many students, parents, and district representatives came out to show their support for the event.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Diane Ross or Assistant Principal Dana Coward at 767-5911.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of North Charleston stands firmly committed to quality afterschool 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, *Lights On Afterschool*, 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 afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

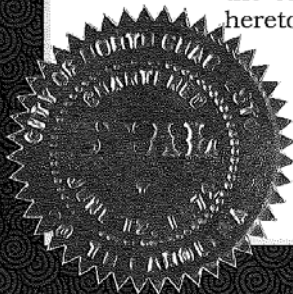
WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration of afterschool program promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities.


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, R. Keith Summey, Mayor of the City of North Charleston, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2009 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

and urge all citizens to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of North Charleston, State of South Carolina, to be affixed hereto this 2nd day of November, 2009.




R. Keith Summey, Mayor
City of North Charleston