

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**132nd General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2017-2018**

**S. R. No. 706**

**Senator Wilson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Franklin First United Methodist Church on its Two  
Hundred Twentieth Anniversary

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to 2  
Franklin First United Methodist Church on the hallowed occasion of 3  
its Two Hundred Twentieth Anniversary; and 4

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Franklin First United Methodist 5  
Church has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful 6  
life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the 7  
church was founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship 8  
that exists among the parishioners prevails not only within the 9  
church edifice itself but also extends beyond those sacred walls 10  
to touch the lives of everyone encountered by these devout 11  
disciples; and 12

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of the church's 13  
pastors, both past and present, Franklin First United Methodist 14  
Church has experienced continual growth and has provided a source 15  
of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for each of its 16  
members. Over the years, the church has enhanced the quality of 17  
life within the surrounding area, and through the generous efforts 18  
of its religious leaders, including its current pastor, Laura 19  
Saunders, it has earned the gratitude and respect of the many 20  
citizens it has so capably served; and 21

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone 22  
that represents dedication, commitment, and enduring faith. For 23  
more than two centuries, the members of Franklin First United 24  
Methodist Church have kept their faith alive in the community, and 25  
this special anniversary signifies the congregation's commitment 26

to carry its beliefs into the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 28  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29  
congratulate Franklin First United Methodist Church on its Two 30  
Hundred Twentieth Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining 31  
in the celebration of this joyous event; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Franklin First United 34  
Methodist Church. 35