

**As Offered**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2023-2024**

**H. R. No. 162**

**Representative Edwards**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Mount Zion Baptist Church  
on its Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Mount Zion 2  
Baptist Church on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary; and 3

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Mount Zion Baptist Church has 4  
offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by 5  
illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was 6  
founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among 7  
the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself 8  
but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of 9  
everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and 10

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its pastors, both past 11  
and present, Mount Zion Baptist Church has experienced continual 12  
growth and has provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual 13  
motivation for each of its members. Over the years, the church has 14  
enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area, and through 15  
its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude and respect of the 16  
many citizens it has so capably served; and 17

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that 18  
represents dedication and commitment. For one hundred fifty years, the 19  
members of Mount Zion Baptist Church have kept their faith alive in 20  
the Athens community, and on this special anniversary, the 21  
congregation has accepted the challenge of carrying their beliefs into 22  
the future; therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 24  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 25

commend Mount Zion Baptist Church on its One Hundred Fiftieth 26  
Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of 27  
this joyous event; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 29  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Mount Zion Baptist 30  
Church. 31