

**As Adopted by the House**

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

**H. R. No. 239**

**Representative Jarrells**

---

**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church  
on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate St. Paul African 2  
Methodist Episcopal Church on its Two Hundredth Anniversary, 3  
celebrated August 13, 2023; and 4

WHEREAS, Since its establishment as Bethel African Methodist 5  
Episcopal Church by Moses Freeman in 1823, St. Paul African Methodist 6  
Episcopal Church has offered its members the pathway to a more 7  
meaningful life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on 8  
which it was founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that 9  
exists among the parishioners not only prevails within the church 10  
edifice itself but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the 11  
lives of everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and 12

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its senior pastor, the 13  
Reverend Dr. Morne' E. Meyer, and his predecessors, St. Paul African 14  
Methodist Episcopal Church has experienced continual growth and has 15  
provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for each 16  
of its members. The oldest congregation of African descent in 17  
Columbus, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the 18  
surrounding area, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the 19  
gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; 20  
and 21

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that 22  
represents dedication and commitment. For two hundred years, the 23  
members of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church have kept their 24  
faith alive in the community, and on this special anniversary, the 25  
congregation has accepted the challenge of carrying its beliefs into 26

the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29  
commend St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on its Two 30  
Hundredth Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the 31  
celebration of this joyous event; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Paul African 34  
Methodist Episcopal Church. 35