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H. R. No. 349

Representative Troy

A RESOLUTION

Honoring St. Mary Magdalene Parish
on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate St. Mary
Magdalene Parish on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, January 27, 2024;
and

WHEREAS, To meet the needs of the growing population of Lake
County, Bishop Edward Hoban appointed Father Harold Laubacher as the
pastor of a new church in Willowick, and St. Mary Magdalene Parish was
commissioned on January 27, 1949, and dedicated less than two years
later. Over the years, the church building has been enlarged several
times and reconfigured in the late 1980s, and it operated a school for
more than five decades as well as instituted a variety of programs and
switched from a single pastor with assistants to a pastoral team. The
parish has not only provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual
motivation for each of its members, but it has also enhanced the
quality of life within the surrounding area, earning the gratitude and
respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. Mary Magdalene Parish has
offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by
illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was
founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among
the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself
but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of
everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that
represents dedication and commitment. For three quarters of a century,
the members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish have kept their faith alive

in the Willowick community, and on this special anniversary, all those 27
associated with the congregation have accepted the challenge of 28
carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 30
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 31
commend St. Mary Magdalene Parish on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary and 32
pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of this joyous 33
event; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 35
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Mary Magdalene 36
Parish. 37