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H. R. No. 528

Representative Barhorst

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to
St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on its Two Hundredth
Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1824, St. Paul African Methodist
Episcopal Church has offered its members the pathway to a more
meaningful life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on
which the A.M.E. Church was founded. Purchasing a building in 1826 and
moving it to the west half of the current lot, the church replaced it
with a small brick structure in 1844 and then with the current edifice
beginning in 1866. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that
exists within the church also extends beyond those sacred walls to
touch the lives of everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its pastors, both past
and present, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church has
experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral
guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over the
years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the area,
and through its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude and
respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that
represents dedication and commitment. For two centuries, the members
of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church have kept their faith
alive in the Urbana community, and on this special anniversary, they
have accepted the challenge of carrying their beliefs into the future;
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 27
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 28
commend St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on its Two 29
Hundredth Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the 30
celebration of this joyous event; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Paul African 33
Methodist Episcopal Church. 34