

As Adopted by the House

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

H. R. No. 553

Representative Fowler Arthur

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Plymouth Methodist Church
on its Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to 2
Plymouth Methodist Church on the memorable occasion of its One Hundred 3
Fiftieth Anniversary, celebrated August 24, 2024; and 4

WHEREAS, Plymouth Methodist Church was built by John Wetmore and 5
Fred Smith on land donated by Filo Blakelsee and held its first 6
service in 1874. For the past century and a half, this dynamic house 7
of worship has served as a tremendous source of spiritual inspiration 8
for its congregation, and it has encouraged countless people to pursue 9
lives of service, learning, and fellowship; and 10

WHEREAS, This auspicious celebration offers the members of 11
Plymouth Methodist Church the opportunity to share their memories and 12
to reflect on the benefits of life in their close-knit community. 13
Under the guidance of many fine religious leaders, including Pastor 14
Vernon Palo, the parishioners have expanded on the best traditions of 15
the past to ensure a benevolent and prosperous future, and they can be 16
proud of the remarkable examples they have set through their values 17
and principles; and 18

WHEREAS, The members of Plymouth Methodist Church have stood 19
strong in the face of numerous challenges, and they have had a 20
positive impact on the lives of many local residents. Indeed, this 21
important milestone represents their dedication and commitment to keep 22
the faith alive in the Ashtabula community, and all those associated 23
with this beacon of society are deserving of high praise; therefore be 24
it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27
applaud Plymouth Methodist Church on its One Hundred Fiftieth 28
Anniversary and offer best wishes as it upholds its rich legacy of 29
faith and fellowship in the years to come; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Plymouth Methodist 32
Church. 33