

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
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**S. R. No. 203**

**Senator O'Brien**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring First Church of Warren on its Two Hundred  
Twentieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate First Church of Warren on the Two 2  
Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of its founding; and 3

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1803 as Concord Baptist Church, 4  
First Church of Warren has offered its members the pathway to a more 5  
meaningful life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on 6  
which the church was founded. The spirit of love and Christian 7  
fellowship that exists within the church edifice also extends beyond 8  
those sacred walls to touch the lives of everyone encountered by these 9  
devout disciples; and 10

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its pastor, Dr. Ernest 11  
DePasquale, and his predecessors, First Church of Warren has 12  
experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral 13  
guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over the 14  
years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the 15  
surrounding area, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the 16  
gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; 17  
and 18

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that 19  
represents dedication and commitment. For more than two centuries, the 20  
members of First Church of Warren have kept their faith alive in the 21  
community, and on this special anniversary, they have accepted the 22  
challenge of carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 24  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend First Church of 25

Warren on its Two Hundred Twentieth Anniversary and pay tribute to all 26  
those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; and be it 27  
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to First Church of Warren. 30