

As Introduced

**135th General Assembly
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S. R. No. 367

Senator Craig

A RESOLUTION

Honoring First Baptist Church of Columbus on its
Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate First Baptist Church of Columbus 2
on its Two Hundredth Anniversary, celebrated May 19, 2024; and 3

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1824, First Baptist Church of 4
Columbus has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life 5
by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the Baptist 6
Church was founded. The first Baptist congregation in the city, the 7
church previously existed in various other locations before breaking 8
ground at its present site in 2007 and holding its first service there 9
in 2008. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists 10
within the church 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 the Reverend Dr. Paul 13
Large and his predecessors, First Baptist Church of Columbus has 14
experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral 15
guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over the 16
years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within Central 17
Ohio, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude 18
and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and 19

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that 20
represents dedication and commitment. For two centuries, the members 21
of First Baptist Church of Columbus have kept their faith alive in the 22
community, and on this special anniversary, they have accepted the 23
challenge of carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 25

Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend First Baptist 26
Church of Columbus on its Two Hundredth Anniversary and pay tribute to 27
all those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; and be it 28
further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 30
authenticated copy of this Resolution to First Baptist Church of 31
Columbus. 32