

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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

**S. R. No. 433**

**Senator Huffman, M.**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring First Baptist Church of St. Paris on its  
Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate First Baptist Church of St. Paris  
on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, celebrated August 17-18,  
2024; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, First Baptist Church of St. Paris  
has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by  
illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the Baptist  
Church was founded. Organized in 1874, the church completed its first  
building the following year and then replaced it with a new structure  
in 1915, and it has developed numerous missions and outreach programs  
during its history. 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, First Baptist Church of St. Paris 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 surrounding 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 a century and a half, the  
members of First Baptist Church of St. Paris have kept their faith  
alive in the 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 Senate of the 135th General 27  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend First Baptist 28  
Church of St. Paris on its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary and pay 29  
tribute to all those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; 30  
and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to First Baptist Church of St. 33  
Paris. 34