

**As Offered**

**136th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2025-2026**

**H. R. No. 73**

**Representative Fowler Arthur**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring First Baptist Church of Ashtabula on its  
Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 1  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate First Baptist 2  
Church of Ashtabula on the auspicious occasion of its Two Hundredth 3  
Anniversary; and 4

WHEREAS, Recognition of this significant milestone is a fitting 5  
tribute to First Baptist Church of Ashtabula, for over the past two 6  
centuries, it has attained a praiseworthy record of service. The 7  
achievements of this fine house of worship are a justifiable source of 8  
pride and an excellent reflection not only on the church itself but 9  
also on its devoted leaders, on its proud members, and on the 10  
Ashtabula community; and 11

WHEREAS, The source of many social, religious, and humanitarian 12  
projects and programs, First Baptist Church of Ashtabula has enhanced 13  
the quality of life in the area since its inception in 1825, and its 14  
generous contributions have earned it the gratitude and respect of the 15  
many citizens it has so capably served. We are certain that in the 16  
years to come, the church will maintain the tradition of spiritual 17  
enlightenment that has long been its hallmark; and 18

WHEREAS, The members of First Baptist Church of Ashtabula have 19  
long been actively involved in, and concerned about, the events in 20  
their community, and this celebration offers them a unique opportunity 21  
to share their memories and to reflect on the benefits of life in 22  
their close-knit community. The congregation can, indeed, be proud of 23  
their church, for they have built on the best traditions of the past 24  
to ensure a peaceful and robust future; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
commend First Baptist Church of Ashtabula on its Two Hundredth 28  
Anniversary and extend best wishes for continued growth and 29  
prosperity; and be it further 30

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