

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 167

Senator Cutrona

A RESOLUTION

Honoring St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church on its
Quasquicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic
Church on the auspicious occasion of its One Hundred Twenty-fifth
Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this significant milestone is a fitting
tribute to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, for over the past one
hundred twenty-five years, it has attained a praiseworthy record of
service. The achievements of this fine house of worship are a
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on
the church itself but also on its devoted pastor, the Reverend John
Welch, on its members, and on the Greater Youngstown community; and

WHEREAS, The first and mother church for all other Byzantine
Catholic churches in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, and Mercer
counties, St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church has enhanced the
quality of life in the area since its inception, and its generous
contributions have earned it the gratitude and respect of the many
citizens it has so capably served. We are certain that in the years to
come, the church will maintain the tradition of spiritual
enlightenment that has long been its hallmark; and

WHEREAS, The members of the St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
have long been actively involved in, and concerned about, the events
in their community, and this celebration offers them a unique
opportunity to share their memories and to reflect on the benefits of
life in their close-knit community. The congregation can, indeed, be
proud of their church, for they have built on the best traditions of
the past to ensure a peaceful and robust future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 27
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, we commend St. Mary's 28
Byzantine Catholic Church on its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary 29
and extend best wishes for continued growth and prosperity; and be it 30
further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic 33
Church. 34