

# As Adopted by the Senate

136th General Assembly  
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S. R. No. 200

Senator Manning

## A RESOLUTION

Honoring LaPorte United Methodist Church on its  
Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly  
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to LaPorte United  
Methodist Church on the hallowed occasion of its Two Hundredth  
Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1825, LaPorte United Methodist  
Church has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life  
by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was  
founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among  
the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself  
but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of  
everyone encountered by its devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its current pastor,  
William Baker, and his predecessors, LaPorte United Methodist Church  
has experienced continual growth and provided a source of moral  
guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over the  
years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within Elyria and  
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 which  
represents dedication, commitment, and enduring faith. For two  
centuries, the members of LaPorte United Methodist Church have kept  
their convictions alive in the Elyria 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 136th General 26  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate LaPorte 27  
United Methodist Church on its Two Hundredth Anniversary and pay 28  
tribute to all those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; 29  
and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 31  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to LaPorte United Methodist 32  
Church. 33