

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 211

Senator McColley

A RESOLUTION

Honoring St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on
its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to St. John the 2
Evangelist Catholic Church on the hallowed occasion of its One Hundred 3
Seventy-fifth Anniversary; and 4

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. John the Evangelist Catholic 5
Church has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life 6
by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was 7
founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among 8
the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself 9
but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of 10
everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and 11

WHEREAS, Under the capable direction of many religious leaders 12
over the years, including its current pastor, the Reverend David 13
Cirata, and its parochial vicar, the Reverend Kevin McGraw, St. John 14
the Evangelist Catholic Church has experienced continual growth and 15
has provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for 16
each of its members. Indeed, the church has enhanced the quality of 17
life within the surrounding area, and, through its generous efforts, 18
it has earned the gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so 19
capably served; and 20

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone which 21
represents dedication, commitment, and enduring faith. For one hundred 22
seventy-five years, the members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic 23
Church have kept their faith alive in the Defiance community, and on 24
this special anniversary, they have accepted the challenge of carrying 25
their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 27
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate St. John 28
the Evangelist Catholic Church on its One Hundred Seventy-fifth 29
Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of 30
this joyous event; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 32
authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. John the Evangelist 33
Catholic Church. 34