

## As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 211

Senator McColley

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### 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  
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to St. John the  
Evangelist Catholic Church on the hallowed occasion of its One Hundred  
Seventy-fifth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, St. John the Evangelist Catholic  
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 these devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable direction of many religious leaders  
over the years, including its current pastor, the Reverend David  
Cirata, and its parochial vicar, the Reverend Kevin McGraw, St. John  
the Evangelist Catholic Church has experienced continual growth and  
has provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for  
each of its members. Indeed, 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 which  
represents dedication, commitment, and enduring faith. For one hundred  
seventy-five years, the members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic  
Church have kept their faith alive in the Defiance 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 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