

As Adopted by the Senate

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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
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