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Senator Craig

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring St. Mark’s Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons on its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons on its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary, celebrated January 16, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a fitting tribute to St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons, for it has attained a remarkable record of fellowship and civic responsibility. Founded on January 16, 1852, as the first Prince Hall Masonic Lodge in Columbus and only the fourth in Ohio, the lodge has fostered personal growth, leadership, and charitable service, and its work to better society is a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding reflection not only on the organization itself but also on its dedicated members, both past and present, and on the Greater Columbus community; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area through professionalism, mentorship, and philanthropy, and for its tremendous contributions, it has earned the respect and esteem of many. We are certain that as this exemplary group maintains its unfaltering commitment to the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, it will continue in the tradition of excellence that has been the hallmark of the Free and Accepted Masons since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unceasing

efforts of entities such as St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons that the State of Ohio has remained a pleasant place in which to live and work. This fine venture is truly worthy of acknowledgement, and we look forward to its ongoing success; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons on its One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary and offer best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Mark's Lodge 7, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.