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H. R. No. 255

Representative Keller

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Okeana United Methodist Church on its Two
Hundredth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2
recognition to Okeana United Methodist Church on the hallowed 3
occasion of its Bicentennial, commemorated September 24, 2017; and 4

WHEREAS, More than a mere building, a church is the 5
dedicated individuals who have joined to bring life to the House 6
of the Lord. Whether celebrating a religious holiday or attending 7
weekly worship, the congregation of Okeana United Methodist Church 8
has truly demonstrated and manifested the living faith of 9
Christianity; and 10

WHEREAS, Okeana United Methodist Church has experienced 11
significant growth and has played a dynamic role in society, both 12
as a house of worship and as the origin of many social, religious, 13
and humanitarian projects and programs. We are proud to join with 14
the members of OUMC in observing the founding of the church and 15
honor all those who have worked to strengthen the bonds of 16
Christian love and fellowship within the congregation since its 17
establishment in 1817; and 18

WHEREAS, The anniversary celebration of Okeana United 19
Methodist Church offers its members the opportunity to share their 20
memories and to reflect on the benefits of life in their close- 21
knit community. The achievements of this fine institution are a 22
justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only 23
on the church itself but also on its pastor, James Clark, on its 24
members, and on the whole of Okeana; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 26

Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting	27
this Resolution, congratulate Okeana United Methodist Church on	28
its Two Hundredth Anniversary and extend best wishes for the	29
future; and be it further	30
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	31
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Okeana	32
United Methodist Church.	33