

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 659**

**Senator Tavares**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Bethany Presbyterian Church on its Centennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Bethany Presbyterian Church on the memorable occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary, July 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Standing for a century, Bethany Presbyterian Church has weathered every storm over the past one hundred years and continues to thrive. The first African-American Presbyterian Church services were held in Franklin County in 1918, and support for this endeavor came from a group of Southern Presbyterians who had migrated to Columbus. It is a remarkable accomplishment that the church remains standing on its original East Side site, and it maintains its service to the community through myriad valuable programs; and

WHEREAS, A tireless champion of the true values and virtues of Christianity, Bethany Presbyterian Church can pride itself on always having a steadfast and enthusiastic following, and this institution of faith has engaged in several initiatives, including organizing a weekly lunch program, a community garden, adult Sunday school, and a neighborhood farmers market as well as collaborating with the Eastside Ministry to uphold a positive presence in the surrounding area. Under the guidance of its pastoral leadership, the church has experienced ongoing growth and provided a source of spiritual motivation and encouragement for its congregation; and

WHEREAS, The parishioners can be proud of their house of worship and all they have accomplished together, for they have built on the best traditions of the past to ensure a peaceful and

prosperous future. Indeed, the Centennial celebration of Bethany 28  
Presbyterian Church offers its members the opportunity to share 29  
their memories and reflect on the benefits of life in their close- 30  
knit community; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 32  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud 33  
Bethany Presbyterian Church on its Centennial and pay tribute to 34  
all those joining in this joyous event; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Bethany Presbyterian 37  
Church. 38