

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 659

Senator Tavares

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Bethany Presbyterian Church on its Centennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Bethany Presbyterian 2
Church on the memorable occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary, 3
July 18, 2018; and 4

WHEREAS, Standing for a century, Bethany Presbyterian Church 5
has weathered every storm over the past one hundred years and 6
continues to thrive. The first African-American Presbyterian 7
Church services were held in Franklin County in 1918, and support 8
for this endeavor came from a group of Southern Presbyterians who 9
had migrated to Columbus. It is a remarkable accomplishment that 10
the church remains standing on its original East Side site, and it 11
maintains its service to the community through myriad valuable 12
programs; and 13

WHEREAS, A tireless champion of the true values and virtues 14
of Christianity, Bethany Presbyterian Church can pride itself on 15
always having a steadfast and enthusiastic following, and this 16
institution of faith has engaged in several initiatives, including 17
organizing a weekly lunch program, a community garden, adult 18
Sunday school, and a neighborhood farmers market as well as 19
collaborating with the Eastside Ministry to uphold a positive 20
presence in the surrounding area. Under the guidance of its 21
pastoral leadership, the church has experienced ongoing growth and 22
provided a source of spiritual motivation and encouragement for 23
its congregation; and 24

WHEREAS, The parishioners can be proud of their house of 25
worship and all they have accomplished together, for they have 26
built on the best traditions of the past to ensure a peaceful and 27

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

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

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