

**As Offered**

**135th General Assembly  
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**H. R. No. 282**

**Representative Rogers**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
on its Centennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to  
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on the memorable occasion of its  
One Hundredth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was  
founded and organized by the Reverend Warren Nelson Fields, Peter  
Fields, and the Reverend Harold Murphy, and for the past one hundred  
years, this dynamic house of worship has served as a tremendous source  
of spiritual inspiration for its congregation. Indeed, it has  
encouraged countless people to pursue lives of service, learning, and  
fellowship; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious celebration offers the members of Mount  
Zion Missionary Baptist Church the opportunity to share their memories  
and to reflect on the benefits of life in their close-knit community.  
Under the guidance of the Reverend Talmadge J'Von Thomas, as well as  
his predecessors, the parishioners have expanded on the best  
traditions of the past to ensure a benevolent and prosperous future,  
and they can be proud of the remarkable examples they have set through  
their values and principles; and

WHEREAS, The members of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church have  
stood strong in the face of numerous challenges, and they have had a  
positive impact on the lives of many local residents. Indeed, this  
important milestone represents their dedication and commitment to keep  
the faith alive in the Toledo community, and all those associated with  
this beacon of society are deserving of high praise; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
applaud Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on its One Hundredth 28  
Anniversary and offer best wishes as it upholds its rich legacy of 29  
faith and fellowship in the years to come; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 31  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Mount Zion Missionary 32  
Baptist Church. 33