

As Offered

**135th General Assembly
Regular Session
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H. R. No. 491

Representative Johnson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring First Baptist Church
of Chillicothe on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to
First Baptist Church of Chillicothe on its Two Hundredth Anniversary,
celebrated July 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1824 as First Regular African
Baptist Church of Christ, First Baptist Church of Chillicothe has
offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by
illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the Baptist
Church was founded. Moving into its current brick building and
adopting its present moniker in 1867, the church has since expanded
and added ancillary structures to its property, and its ministries
have been changed and expanded over the years. The spirit of love and
Christian fellowship that exists within the church also extends beyond
those sacred walls to touch the lives of everyone encountered by these
devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of the Reverend Moses
Edwards, Jr., and his predecessors, First Baptist Church of
Chillicothe has experienced continual growth and has provided a source
of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over
the years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the
area, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude
and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that
represents dedication and commitment. For two centuries, the members
of First Baptist Church of Chillicothe have kept their faith alive in
the community, and on this special anniversary, they have accepted the

challenge of carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
commend First Baptist Church of Chillicothe on its Two Hundredth 30
Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of 31
this joyous event; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to First Baptist Church 34
of Chillicothe. 35