

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**135th General Assembly  
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**S. R. No. 184**

**Senator Craig**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on  
its Two Hundredth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to St. Paul African 2  
Methodist Episcopal Church on the memorable occasion of its 3  
Bicentennial; and 4

WHEREAS, For the past two hundred years, St. Paul African 5  
Methodist Episcopal Church has served as a tremendous source of 6  
spiritual inspiration, and as the oldest congregation of African 7  
descent in Columbus, it has encouraged countless individuals to pursue 8  
lives of worship, service, learning, and fellowship. The impact this 9  
fine institution has had on the community is impossible to quantify, 10  
and its contributions to society are truly outstanding; and 11

WHEREAS, This auspicious celebration offers the members of St. 12  
Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church the opportunity to share their 13  
memories and to reflect on the benefits of life in their close-knit 14  
community. The parishioners can be proud that their remarkable example 15  
has ensured that the best traditions of the past will shape a future 16  
of benevolence and prosperity; and 17

WHEREAS, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church has stood 18  
strong in the face of challenges and has made a positive impact on 19  
both the community and the world. This important milestone reflects 20  
what can be accomplished by those who project their values and 21  
devotion through their faith, and we look with optimism as the church 22  
upholds its rich legacy in the years to come; therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 24  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud St. Paul 25

African Methodist Episcopal Church on its Bicentennial and salute all 26  
those who have contributed to the longevity of this House of God; and 27  
be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to St. Paul African Methodist 30  
Episcopal Church. 31