

**As Adopted by the Senate**

**135th General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2023-2024**

**S. R. No. 367**

**Senator Craig**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring First Baptist Church of Columbus on its  
Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1  
of Ohio are pleased to congratulate First Baptist Church of Columbus 2  
on its Two Hundredth Anniversary, celebrated May 19, 2024; and 3

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1824, First Baptist Church of 4  
Columbus has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life 5  
by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the Baptist 6  
Church was founded. The first Baptist congregation in the city, the 7  
church previously existed in various other locations before breaking 8  
ground at its present site in 2007 and holding its first service there 9  
in 2008. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists 10  
within the church also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the 11  
lives of everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and 12

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of the Reverend Dr. Paul 13  
Large and his predecessors, First Baptist Church of Columbus has 14  
experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral 15  
guidance and spiritual motivation for its congregation. Over the 16  
years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within Central 17  
Ohio, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude 18  
and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and 19

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone that 20  
represents dedication and commitment. For two centuries, the members 21  
of First Baptist Church of Columbus have kept their faith alive in the 22  
community, and on this special anniversary, they have accepted the 23  
challenge of carrying their beliefs into the future; therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 25

Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend First Baptist 26  
Church of Columbus on its Two Hundredth Anniversary and pay tribute to 27  
all those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; and be it 28  
further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 30  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to First Baptist Church of 31  
Columbus. 32