

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the First Baptist Church of Greencastle on its 200th anniversary.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the First Baptist
2 Church of Greencastle on its 200th anniversary.

3 *Whereas, On the first Sunday in May, 1822, a small group*
4 *of hardy men and women met in newly organized, largely*
5 *undeveloped, and sparsely settled Putnam County to form what*
6 *is believed to be the first Baptist congregation in the area;*

7 *Whereas, For many years, the congregation met in various*
8 *homes and buildings around what is now Greencastle, but*
9 *being formed before the official incorporation of the town, the*
10 *Church was originally known as the Baptist Church of Christ*
11 *of the Big Walnut;*

12 *Whereas, In 1839, the congregation found its first*
13 *permanent home, and in roughly 1859 moved to a building*
14 *located at the corner of what are now Poplar and Spring*
15 *Streets in Greencastle;*

16 *Whereas, The church building on Spring Street was*
17 *completely destroyed by a tornado in 1867, but the faithful were*
18 *undeterred and began rebuilding ten days later;*



1 *Whereas, The flock would remain in that location for the*
2 *next 100 years before eventually moving into the present church*
3 *building in 1969;*

4 *Whereas, Many faithful and dedicated men have led the*
5 *congregation over its first two centuries, including George F.*
6 *Pentecost, a man who would go on to become a world-famous*
7 *nineteenth-century evangelist and close associate of renowned*
8 *revivalist, D.L. Moody;*

9 *Whereas, Pastor Tom Blodgett is the current leader of the*
10 *congregation as it celebrates its first 200 years and imagines*
11 *200 more; and*

12 *Whereas, Venerable Hoosier institutions like the First*
13 *Baptist Church should be congratulated and encouraged:*
14 *Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates the
18 First Baptist Church of Greencastle on its 200th anniversary.

19 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
20 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Pastor Tom Blodgett.

