

As Adopted by the Senate

**132nd General Assembly
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S. R. No. 632

Senator Balderson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Salt Fork Baptist Church on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Salt Fork Baptist Church on the hallowed occasion of its Two Hundredth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since 1818, when Nathaniel Skinner and Benjamin Stone organized a simple gathering in members' homes, Salt Fork Baptist Church has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among the parishioners prevails not only within the church edifice itself but 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 church's leadership, including its current pastor Brian Hollis, Salt Fork Baptist Church has experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for each of its members. Over the years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding 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, commitment, and enduring faith. For two hundred years, the members of Salt Fork Baptist Church have kept their faith alive in the community, and, on this special anniversary, the congregation has accepted the challenge of carrying its beliefs into the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 28
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
congratulate Salt Fork Baptist Church on its Two Hundredth 30
Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the 31
celebration of this joyous event; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 33
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Salt Fork Baptist Church. 34