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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing St. John  
2 Baptist Church on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its  
3 founding.

4           *Whereas, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding*  
5 *of St. John Baptist Church in Gary;*

6           *Whereas, St. John Baptist Church was founded in 1918 by a*  
7 *council of ministers that included the Reverend L.A. Thomas,*  
8 *the Reverend J.R. Butler, and the Reverend I.C. Ball;*

9           *Whereas, Led by the Reverend J.R. Butler, its first pastor, the*  
10 *church was established at 1725 Massachusetts Street and*  
11 *called Mount Zion Baptist Church;*

12           *Whereas, In 1929 the small congregation was rocked by*  
13 *adversity and split;*

14           *Whereas, The departing group established the St. John*  
15 *Baptist Church located at 2229 Washington Street;*

16           *Whereas, Under the guidance of the Reverend T.L. Ballou, the*  
17 *two congregations were reunited and continued to worship*  
18 *under the name of St. John Baptist Church;*

19           *Whereas, In 1936 a fire completely destroyed the structure;*  
20 *but, with the help of God and hard work, the congregation was*  
21 *able to rebuild the church under the guidance of the Reverend*  
22 *Leon Davis;*

23           *Whereas, The spirit of leadership and service displayed by the*



1 *ministers and congregation has helped St. John Baptist Church*  
2 *stand out as a "Christian community in action";*

3 *Whereas, Through Godly leadership and influence, St. John*  
4 *Baptist Church has continued to serve the people of God both*  
5 *inside and outside of the church; and*

6 *Whereas, Since its establishment, St. John Baptist Church has*  
7 *served the community's needs and has stood as a pillar of the*  
8 *community for 100 years: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
10 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
11 *the Senate concurring:*

12 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
13 congratulates St. John Baptist Church on the occasion of the  
14 100th anniversary of its establishment and thanks the clergy and  
15 the congregation for all their good works.

16 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
17 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
18 Reverend R. E. Robinson.

