

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 200th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort.

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort has stood for two centuries as a testament to its congregants' faith and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, in 1776, Samuel Shannon, a Presbyterian minister and graduate of Princeton College, moved to Upper Benson Creek about nine miles south of Frankfort and constructed a small log church on the creek banks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shannon's small church would be the blueprint for the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, and would cement the foundation for the faith community that still holds strong to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1815, the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort was constituted, and in 1824 the first church building was constructed on Wapping Street; and

WHEREAS, this was the first denominational church building in Frankfort; and

WHEREAS, the church moved into a new building in 1849, and President Elect General Zachary Taylor visited Frankfort and attended a worship service on his way to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, although many buildings have been added to the church and myriad renovations have occurred, the First Presbyterian Church still stands at 416 Main Street and continues to educate its children in the tradition of the Presbyterian Ministers who first helped bring the spirit of Christ to Frankfort; and

WHEREAS, the church, under the leadership of Pastor Sandra E. Lacey, operates under the vision statement "A Diverse Community Growing in Christ Through Worship and Service," and throughout its rich and storied 200-year history it has continued to grow both in membership and in the Holy Spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby celebrates the 200th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, grants pastor Sandra E. Lacey best wishes as she continues to faithfully lead her congregation, and acknowledges all the church members who have sought spiritual guidance, comfort, and fellowship within the church's walls over the years as they continue to set an example for other faith communities in this Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Julian M. Carroll for delivery.