

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Introduced by: Ruppel

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to commemorate the designation of Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Lagro, Indiana as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Whereas, On March 12, 1999, Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and on March 17, 1999, the State Historical Marker was dedicated;

Whereas, The town of Lagro, named after the Miami Indian Chief, LaGros, owes its beginnings to the building of the Wabash and Erie Canal and so does Saint Patrick's Church;

Whereas, From 1834 to 1837 many Irish immigrants came to the Lagro vicinity to work on the Wabash and Erie Canal, staying in the community after the Canal was opened to make homes for their families;

Whereas, In 1838 the first Saint Patrick's Church was constructed as a frame building, and expanded in 1858;



Whereas, The present historic structure was begun in 1870 and dedicated on Saint Patrick's Day in 1873;

Whereas, Records indicate Charles Foster of Huntington did the brickwork and one of the pioneers, Richard Elward, did the carvings in the church;

Whereas, The bell which hangs in the belfry was brought to Lagro in 1837 by a Frenchman named Pasque by ox team and cart from a foundry in Buffalo, New York;

Whereas, In January 1997 Bishop John D'Arcy designated the church as an oratory, meaning Saint Patrick's was no longer an active parish;

Whereas, Old Saint Patrick's in Lagro is the mother church of the Wabash Valley, the first Roman Catholic parish in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, and one of the oldest parishes in the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church is a monument to the early religious history of Indiana and offers much in the way of beauty and style; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives of the State of Indiana commemorates the designation of Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Lagro, Indiana as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Lagro, Indiana.

