



Senate

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

2022 Regular Session
Senate Resolution No. 311
Thursday, April 14, 2022

Senator Jimmy Higdon introduced the following resolution which was ordered to be printed.

A Resolution honoring the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine.

Whereas, in 1822, nine women came together to found the first congregation of Dominican Sisters in the United States in Washington County, Kentucky; and

Whereas, of the nine founding Sisters, five were teenagers at the time of founding. Sister Mary Louise said of the Sisters, "there was a lot of innocence but also a lot of energy. Before they even got here, they had this idea of sisterhood"; and

Whereas, the Dominican Sisters bettered the lives of many they encountered, were often asked to serve in other states, and made lasting impressions on many of their students; and

Whereas, the Sisters faced many hardships, including several pandemics, and were at one point advised to disband when they owed a \$2,000 debt. Instead of succumbing to despair they persevered by making candles and soap, and ironing; and

Whereas, the Sisters were happy helping their community, teaching their students, and serving God; and

Whereas, in 1904, the Sisters experienced a tragic fire that burned down their original motherhouse. When advised to move their location to Louisville, the Sisters voted to stay in Washington County because they wanted to be near the community they had grown to be a part of; and

Whereas, the Sisters are continuing their dedication and devotion to the community started by their founders; and

Whereas, what started as a little seed planted 200 years ago has grown into a legacy recognized worldwide;

Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize and honor the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine on their 200th anniversary and commends their continued service.

Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine for 200 years of dedicated service to their community and God.