



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 229

132nd General Assembly
(As Passed by the House)

Reps. Romanchuk and Wiggam, DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, K. Smith, Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley, Anielski, Antonio, Arndt, Ashford, Blessing, Boccieri, Boyd, Brown, Butler, Celebrezze, Craig, Dever, Edwards, Fedor, Galonski, Ginter, Green, Greenspan, Hagan, Holmes, Householder, Hughes, Ingram, Johnson, Kick, Landis, Lang, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, O'Brien, Patterson, Perales, Ramos, Riedel, Roegner, Rogers, Schaffer, Schuring, Sheehy, Stein, West, Young

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates February 3 as "Charles Follis Day" in honor of the first African American professional football player.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Designation	Charles Follis Day. ¹
Honoree	Charles Follis, the first African American professional football player. Mr. Follis was the starting halfback for the Shelby Blues, a team in Shelby, Ohio. He first played for the team in 1902. ²
Date	February 3, the day Mr. Follis was born in 1879.

HISTORY

ACTION

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Introduced	05-17-17
Reported, H. State & Local Gov't	06-21-17
Passed House (95-0)	12-05-17

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¹ R.C. 5.261.

² "Charles Follis Led Early Black Pioneers in Pro Football," www.profootballhof.com (01/01/2005).