



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 229

132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs)

**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

**Sens.** Sykes, Hackett, O'Brien

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## BILL SUMMARY

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

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

<b>Designation</b>	Charles Follis Day. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Honoree</b>	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. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Date</b>	February 3, the day Mr. Follis was born in 1879.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-17-17
Reported, H. State & Local Gov't	06-21-17
Passed House (95-0)	12-05-17
Reported, S. Local Gov't, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs	04-17-18

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.261.

<sup>2</sup> "Charles Follis Led Early Black Pioneers in Pro Football," [www.profootballhof.com](http://www.profootballhof.com) (01/01/2005).