



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Romanchuk and Amstutz, Thompson, Bishoff, Ruhl, Sprague, Antonio, Brenner, Sheehy, Reece, Ramos

BILL SUMMARY

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

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill designates February 3 as "Charles Follis Day" in honor of the first African American professional football player, who was born on that day in 1879.¹ Mr. Follis was the starting halfback for the Shelby Blues, a team in Shelby, Ohio, first playing for the team in 1902.²

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced

02-09-16

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¹ R.C. 5.256.

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