



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 449*

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

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, and first played for the team in 1902.²

HISTORY

ACTION

Introduced
Reported, H. State Gov't

DATE

02-09-16

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* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5.256.

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