



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 449

131st General Assembly
(As Passed by the House)

Reps. Romanchuk and Amstutz, Thompson, Bishoff, Ruhl, Sprague, Antonio, Brenner, Sheehy, Reece, Ramos, Anielski, Baker, Barnes, Boccieri, Boggs, Brown, Buchy, Celebrezze, Craig, Cupp, Dovilla, Driehaus, Grossman, Hall, Hambley, Howse, Huffman, Kuhns, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Maag, McClain, S. O'Brien, Phillips, Rogers, Schaffer, K. Smith, Sweeney, Sykes, Young

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	DATE
Introduced	02-09-16
Reported, H. State Gov't	04-25-16
Passed House (95-0)	05-18-16

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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).