



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 229*

132nd General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State and Local Government)

Reps. Romanchuk and Wiggam, DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, K. Smith, Brenner, Sweeney

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	DATE
Introduced	05-17-17
Reported, H. State & Local Gov't	---

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

¹ R.C. 5.261.

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