



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

Bethany Boyd

H.B. 354

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Kuhns, Reece, Driehaus

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates October 3 as Ezzard Charles Day, in honor of the two-time world heavyweight champion boxer known as the Cincinnati Cobra.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Designation	Ezzard Charles Day. ¹
Honoree	Ezzard Charles, the legendary champion boxer known as the Cincinnati Cobra. Mr. Charles was a two-time world heavyweight champion, a jazz musician, and a widely respected member of the community.
Date	October 3.

According to the bill, Mr. Charles was born in Georgia in 1921. At age nine, he came to the west end of Cincinnati to live with his grandmother and great-grandmother. Mr. Charles began fighting as a teen and quickly ascended in the world of boxing. He defeated Jersey Joe Walcott in 1949 to win the world heavyweight title, and won an undisputed title bout against the legendary Joe Louis in 1950. Mr. Charles largely avoided the limelight of his profession, and worked quietly all his life to promote education and community responsibility. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.²

¹ R.C. 5.256.

² R.C. 5.256.

HISTORY

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