



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 229

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**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

<b>Designation</b>	Charles Follis Day. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Honoree</b>	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. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Date</b>	February 3, the day Mr. Follis was born in 1879.

### HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-17-17

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.261.

<sup>2</sup> "Charles Follis Led Early Black Pioneers in Pro Football," [www.profootballhof.com](http://www.profootballhof.com) (01/01/2005).