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S. B. No. 253

Senators Craig, Reynolds

Cosponsors: Senators Smith, DeMora, Weinstein, Schaffer, Patton, Johnson

A BILL

To enact section 5.213 of the Revised Code to 1
designate February 20th as "Black Ohioan Civil 2
War Medal of Honor Recipient Day." 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.213 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5.213. The twentieth day of February is designated as 6
"Black Ohioan Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient Day" to honor 7
Black soldiers from Ohio who received the congressional medal of 8
honor for their actions during the American civil war. 9