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**S. B. No. 253**

**Senators Craig, Reynolds**

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

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**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