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A BILL

To enact section 5.2512 of the Revised Code to 1
enact "Cody's Law" to designate January 30 as 2
"Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness 3
Day." 4

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

Section 1. That section 5.2512 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 5.2512. The thirtieth day of January is designated as 7
"Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day" to raise public 8
awareness about chronic traumatic encephalopathy and those 9
affected by it. 10

Section 2. This act shall be known as the "Chronic 11
Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day Act," or "Cody's Law." 12

Section 3. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy is a 13
neurodegenerative disease appearing in persons with a history of 14
brain trauma, commonly developing in athletes, military service 15
members, and survivors of domestic violence. Symptoms include 16
memory loss, inability to focus, personality and behavioral 17
changes, suicidality, parkinsonism, and progressive dementia. 18

There currently is no treatment or cure for the disease and can 19
only be prevented by avoiding head injuries. Cody's Law is 20
intended to raise public consciousness of the causes of the 21
disease, to increase awareness of the effects on those who 22
suffer from it and their loved ones, and to promote greater 23
research efforts to ultimately stop the disease. 24