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**A BILL**

To enact section 5.242 of the Revised Code to 1  
designate October 7 as "Moses Fleetwood Walker 2  
Day." 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 5.242 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 5.242.** The seventh day of October is designated as 6  
"Moses Fleetwood Walker Day" in honor of the Ohioan who was the 7  
first African-American major league baseball player under 8  
contract. 9

In declaring the seventh day of October "Moses Fleetwood 10  
Walker Day," the general assembly recognizes the contribution 11  
that Moses Fleetwood Walker made to the integration of 12  
professional athletics. Born in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, on October 13  
7, 1856, Moses Fleetwood Walker played one season with the 14  
Toledo Blue Stockings and died in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1924. 15