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**A BILL**

To enact section 5.256 of the Revised Code to 1  
designate the third day of October as Ezzard 2  
Charles Day. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 5.256 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 5.256.** The third day of October is designated as 6  
Ezzard Charles Day, in honor of the legendary champion boxer 7  
known as the Cincinnati Cobra. Ezzard Charles was a two-time 8  
world heavyweight champion, a jazz musician, and a widely 9  
respected member of the community. He was born in Georgia in 10  
1921. At the age of nine he came to the west end of Cincinnati 11  
to live with his grandmother and great-grandmother. Charles 12  
began fighting as a teen, quickly ascended in the world of 13  
boxing, defeated Jersey Joe Walcott in 1949 to win the world 14  
heavyweight title, and won an undisputed title bout against the 15  
legendary Joe Louis in 1950. Charles largely avoided the 16  
limelight of his profession, and worked quietly all his life to 17  
promote education and community responsibility. Charles was 18

inducted into the international boxing hall of fame in 1990.

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