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**Representative Antani**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Edwards, Romanchuk**

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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