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To honor and celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Columbus native Eddie Rickenbacker.

WHEREAS, Eddie Rickenbacker was born October 8, 1890 and raised in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Rickenbacker grew up in a home along Livingston Avenue, and was one of eight children; and

WHEREAS, already an accomplished professional race car driver, Rickenbacker enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Rickenbacker became a war hero by downing 26 enemy planes as leader of the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Pursuit Squadron and earned the U.S. Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Rickenbacker entered the public sector by starting the Rickenbacker Motor Company and buying the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and operating the truck until 1945; and

WHEREAS, Rickenbacker bought Eastern Airlines in 1938 and served as Chairman of the Board until his retirement from the board in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Rickenbacker, a World War I hero who also volunteered his service to his country during World War II, died at the age of 82 years old in July of 1973; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Columbus native Eddie Rickenbacker and will recognize October 8th as “Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Day” in the City of Columbus.