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To honor and celebrate the 125th 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 94th 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 125th birthday of Columbus native Eddie Rickenbacker and will recognize October 8th as “Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Day” in the City of Columbus.