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**Title:** To honor and celebrate the Simba mentoring program on its 25th Anniversary of transforming the lives of young African-American men.

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To honor and celebrate the Simba mentoring program on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of transforming the lives of young African-American men.

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County Children Services' Simba mentoring program was founded in 1988 by Karen Bell, Kwesi Kambon and Clifford Tyree to help improve outcomes for young African-American men ages 9 to 19 years old, involved with Children's Services ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simba mentoring program has taught hundreds of young men the importance of integrity, self-respect, confidence and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, Simba's dedicated mentors have shaped and guided young lives by providing unwavering commitment, encouragement, trust, empathy, education, and compassion during the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County Children Services' Simba mentoring program has enriched the lives of *thousands* of African-American young men through the power of positive role modeling; and

**WHEREAS**, the lasting influence and inspiration of these mentors has shown these young men that there is a better way -one full of promise, potential, and possibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simba program is a one-of-a kind program which provides a pathway for young African-American boys to demonstrate leadership and communication with integrity, while respecting values and creating avenues for positive, productive self-expression; now therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS**

**That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Franklin County Children Services' Simba program.

