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To honor and celebrate the Simba mentoring program on its 25th 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 12th, 2013 as the 25th Anniversary of Franklin County Children Services' Simba program.