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To recognize and honor Volodymyr Kuzminskyk for his commitment to promoting widespread change in international child welfare systems and aiding marginalized children in Eastern Europe.

WHEREAS, Volodymyr Kuzminskyk, at the invitation of the Institute for Human Services/North American Resource Center for Child Welfare (IHS), is visiting Columbus, Ohio to receive extensive instruction on the implementation of comprehensive, competency-based child welfare training; and

WHEREAS, Volodymyr Kuzminskyk is the director of EveryChild-Ukraine in Kiev, which works throughout Eastern Europe to address the needs of maltreated and homeless children; and

WHEREAS, EveryChild-Ukraine is partnering with the International Leadership and Development Center (ILDC), a nonprofit, non-governmental organization (NGO); and

WHEREAS, the vision for ILDC is to build the capacity of local and national child welfare advocates, leaders, trainers, caseworkers, and caregivers to promote safety, permanence in families, and the well-being of abused, neglected, disabled, and homeless children; and

WHEREAS, this includes finding permanent family placements for the thousands of children living in government-run institutions; preventing children from coming into state care; developing supportive services to promote family stability and prevent out of home placements; and emancipating youth with the skills and support to live successfully on their own; and

WHEREAS, IHS and the ILDC are working together to educate their peers, colleagues, and leaders of "best practice" in child welfare; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and honor Volodymyr Kuzminskyk for his commitment to promoting widespread change in international child welfare systems and aiding marginalized children in Eastern Europe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Volodymyr Kuzminskyk on the occasion of his visit to Columbus City Hall, July 2, 2009.