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To Recognize and Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the City Leaders Program

WHEREAS, the City Leaders program was established in 2012 to develop the Columbus leaders of tomorrow by providing mentorship and learning opportunities for middle school youth to meet current city leaders and visit educational destinations throughout Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the youth selected for the program are Columbus residents who maintain a 3.0 grade point average, demonstrate commitment to leadership and the city through essays and interviews, and are recommended by an administrator, teacher, or community member; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department administers the City Leaders program free of charge and has served more than 160 families over its 10 years of existence, with this year's City Leaders school year academy curriculum focusing on, "*Youth Issues, Youth Voices, Discovering the Best in You;*" and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City Leaders program is to educate and accelerate middle school youth to become model citizens and future leaders in Columbus, resulting in improved public speaking, facilitation skills, teamwork, community awareness, and overall leadership attitude; and

WHEREAS, through these learning, mentorship, and development opportunities, graduates of the program become active citizens, empowered leaders, and role models in their community, and have the opportunity to engage in the City Leader's alumni program that offers additional peer-to-peer mentorship opportunities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the City Leaders program and its positive impact on youth in Columbus, and salute Ms. Sheri-Lynn Wynn - affectionately known as Mama Bear to her City Leaders cubs - as program director for her dedication, commitment, and leadership.