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To Honor Starfish Alliance on its 14th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Starfish Alliance was founded on August 23rd of 2002 with the mission of empowering foster care youths to overcome the adversity in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Starfish Alliance works with the local community to create a safety net for young adults who have experienced foster care by providing them with mentors, peer groups, leadership seminars, and connection to career prospects; and

WHEREAS, Starfish Alliance equips youth with the knowledge and skills needed to achieve financial self-sufficiency through its Link22 program and local business partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Starfish Alliance is led by Jamole Callahan and Jennifer McKenzie, who are exemplars of the remarkable achievements of which those who experience foster care are capable; and

WHEREAS, Starfish Alliance actively works to return hope and inspiration to youths who have experienced abuse, neglect, loss, and separation, and it provides them with an avenue to obtaining a safe and prosperous economic and social future; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby declare the distinguished Starfish Alliance be recognized on the occasion of its 14th anniversary and be praised for its work to help the youth and young adults of foster care defy the gravity of adversity.