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To recognize and applaud Ms. Margaret Griffin for being selected as a President's Prize scholar by the Ohio State University and to thank her for her commitment to social change for her work with the Unity Fridge Program.

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University has selected two graduating seniors as President's Prize scholars - these students are being recognized for the boldness of their ideas, their capacity to champion change, and their commitment to the global community; and

WHEREAS, nearly 29 million Americans live in a food desert - areas with little access to the fresh produce that is needed for proper nutrition and development - the data shows that in Ohio an estimated 16 percent to 20 percent of the state's residents live in a food desert; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Margaret Griffin was awarded one of the first annual President's Prizes in recognition for her Unity Fridge Program, which is a food-sharing system that will place refrigerators in neighborhoods around Columbus, near schools, and will connect with community gardens and restaurants to fill refrigerators with locally-grown fresh produce; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that placing refrigerators in or near schools will allow children leaving school for the day with immediate access to nutritious produce to bring home; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Fridge Program will also create an on-campus garden managed by students and faculty from Ohio State and a student organization which will help with planting, garden maintenance, and delivering produce; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Fridge Program will change lives and strengthen students' commitment to bettering the lives of others; now, therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and applaud the work of Margaret Griffin and congratulate her for being named as a President's Prize scholar by the Ohio State University and thank her for her commitment to social change for her work with the Unity Fridge Program.