

BOARD BILL No. 265 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS

1 Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, an ordinance authorizing the honorary street name, Pastor
2 Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr. Avenue, to begin at the intersection of Webster Avenue and
3 Sheridan Avenue and run east on Sheridan Avenue to the intersection of Sheridan
4 Avenue and North Garrison Avenue.

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr., accepted Jesus Christ into his life at the
6 age of twenty-two, nearly sixty-five years ago;

7 WHERAS, In the decades since Pastor Thompson has lived a life in ministry to Jesus
8 Christ, beginning by going door-to-door in the Pruitt-Igoe and Vaughn housing projects,
9 where many people were saved and healed as a result of his tireless efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, In1986, Pastor Thompson became the Pastor of the Shining Light
11 Pentecostal Church, where he continues to preach and teach, and remains engaged and
12 active in his community to this day, at the age of eighty-five; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Bennie Lee Thompson Sr.'s life in ministry to Jesus Christ should
14 serve as an example to us all, and he is therefore more than deserving of having this
15 section of Sheridan Avenue named in honor.

16 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

17 **SECTION 1.** Pastor Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr. Avenue will begin at the intersection of
18 Webster Avenue and Sheridan Avenue and run east on Sheridan Avenue to the
19 intersection of Sheridan Avenue and North Garrison Avenue.

1 **SECTION 2.** Pursuant to Ordinance 68937, at least sixty percent of all registered voters
2 on the blocks between the intersections of Webster Avenue and Sheridan Avenue and
3 North Garrison Avenue and Sheridan Avenue have signed a petition in support of this
4 honorary street name.

5 **SECTION 3.** Upon receipt of payment for manufacturing and installing the honorary
6 street sign, the Director of Streets shall install the honorary street sign, Pastor Bennie Lee
7 Thompson, Sr. Avenue, at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Sheridan Avenue, and
8 if funds permit, at the intersection of North Garrison Avenue and Sheridan Avenue.