

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 148 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN STEPHEN CONWAY**

2 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all  
3 necessary actions to honorarily designate the 4900 block of Botanical Avenue as “George  
4 and Sandy Grbac Lane.”

5 WHEREAS, Sandy and George Grbac have served the Southwest Garden  
6 Neighborhood as a catalyst to bring people together for the betterment of all; and

7 WHEREAS, Sandy served as President of the Board of Directors for the  
8 Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association from 1994 to 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, together, George and Sandy organized countless block parties and  
10 beautification projects; and

11 WHEREAS, when state employees were prohibited from speaking out, Sandy led  
12 a group to protest the proposed destruction of the old dome building at the State Hospital  
13 on Arsenal; thanks to Sandy's efforts, you can drive by the state hospital today and see  
14 the dome building standing in all it's grandeur and splendor; and

15 WHEREAS, on another occasion, the Missouri Botanical Garden sought to  
16 demolish all the four family-flats on Detonty Street; again, Sandy could be found leading  
17 the pack protesting the proposed destruction of these buildings. WHEREAS, Sandy and  
18 George are best known in the neighborhood for their service to the City’s finest—our first  
19 responders; initially, Sandy and George organized picnics in Tower Grove Park for all the  
20 police, fire fighters and EMS; the event grew year to year, so George and Sandy moved  
21 the event to their backyard on the 4900 block of Botanical; and

1           WHEREAS, upon George's passing, Sandy once again “led the pack” in the  
2 Southwest Garden Neighborhood and resurrected the Hero Appreciation Day in 2015 and  
3 plans another Heroes Appreciation Day in October 2016; and

4           WHEREAS, Sandy and George Grbac have been leaders in the renaissance of the  
5 Southwest Garden Neighborhood.

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

7           **SECTION ONE.** Pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 68937, the 4900 block  
8 of Botanical Avenue shall hereafter be honorarily designated as “Sandy and George  
9 Grbac Lane” in honor of Mrs. Sandy Grbac and Mr. George Grbac. The Director of  
10 Streets shall erect honorary street-name signs along the 4900 block of Botanical Avenue,  
11 which signs shall read “Sandy and George Grbac Lane.” Pursuant to Ordinance 68937,  
12 the actual costs for the manufacturing, installation and any other related costs for the  
13 honorary street name sign shall be paid to the Street Department by the individual or  
14 group of individuals requesting the honorary street name sign.

15           **SECTION TWO.** Emergency Clause. This being an Ordinance for the  
16 preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
17 measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City  
18 of St. Louis, and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its  
19 passage and approval by the Mayor.