

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 191 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN TERRY KENNEDY**
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3 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all
4 necessary actions to honorarily designate Walton Avenue as “Rev. Melvin Smotherson
5 Avenue.”

6 Whereas, Rev. Melvin Smotherson is the Founder and Pastor of Cornerstone
7 Baptist Church; and

8 Whereas, he pushed for a cooperative venture between private funders, the
9 church, community groups and the City to fund and construct decorative sculpture at
10 street blockage at Walton and Washington Streets with other capital improvements to the
11 block; and

12 Whereas, Rev. Melvin Smotherson raised money and renovated the vacate
13 building at Washington and Walton for the church and for community use. He has
14 allowed community organizations to use the facility, organized summer youth
15 programming for area youth and worked with various civil rights organizations to push
16 for equal rights for the disenfranchised.

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

18 **SECTION ONE.** Pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 68937, the 500 block
19 of Walton Avenue shall hereafter be honorarily designated as “Rev. Melvin Smotherson
20 Avenue” in honor of Rev. Melvin Smotherson. The Director of Streets shall erect
21 honorary street-name signs at the intersection of Walton Avenue and Olive Street and
22 Walton Avenue and Washington Avenue which signs shall read “Rev. Melvin
23 Smotherson Avenue.”