

BOARD BILL NO. 249 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN SHARON TYUS

1 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all
2 necessary actions to honorarily designate the 5000-5400
3 blocks of Shreve Avenue between Bircher and West Florissant as the "Reverend
4 Donald Hunter Lane."

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Donald Hunter, a product of St. Louis, graduate of
6 Western Bible College and Concordia Lutheran Seminary, began in 1965 serving
7 as pastor with the First Baptist Church of Maplewood, in Richmond Heights,
8 Missouri.

9 WHEREAS, In 1968, during his tenure at First Baptist of Maplewood, Reverend
10 Hunter was inspired by God and encourage by faculty of Concordia to design
11 and develop the Continuing Education Program for Black Churchmen.

12 WHEREAS, In 1977, God directed Reverend Hunter, along with his outstanding
13 talents, experience, and love for people, to the New Sunny Mount Missionary
14 Baptist Church, which at the time was located at 6080 West Florissant Avenue, in
15 St. Louis.

16 WHEREAS, Included among his many pages of accomplishments and visions
17 that have come to fruition: the NSM Deacon Family Ministry, the NSM Chancel
18 Choir, the NSM Transportation & Bus Ministry, and the NSM Summer Youth
19 Academy. Reverend Hunter is also recognized as an accomplished music
20 composer, playwright, pianist and organist.

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1 WHEREAS, As Pastor of New Sunny Mount, Reverend Hunter has received
2 numerous recognitions and awards, Awards of Merit, Resolutions, and
3 Proclamations, for his ministry in, through, and around the church, and for his
4 service to the neighborhood and greater community. He has received
5 special recognition from the City of St. Louis for building a new church at 4700
6 West Florissant Avenue, located in the Mark Twain Neighborhood of North St.
7 Louis, where Rev. Hunter realized the tremendous need for urban ministry.

8 WHEREAS, After serving 50 years in ministry, Reverend Donald Hunter retires
9 from pastoral leadership December 2015, but never from ministry to the people
10 of God. His leadership will be missed, his legacy treasured, his ministry
11 perpetuated, and his distinguished life honored.

12 WHEREAS, THE Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis acknowledges
13 Reverend Donald Hunter as one of the city's cultural treasures and an important
14 and significant part of our St. Louis' rich and diverse 250 year history and in
15 furtherance of that acknowledgement seek to make a permanent
16 acknowledgement in the form of honorarily designating the 5000-5400 blocks
17 of Shreve Avenue between Bircher Avenue and West Florissant Avenue
18 as "Reverend Donald Hunter Lane."

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

21 SECTION ONE. Pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 68937 the 5000-
22 5400 blocks of Shreve Avenue between Bircher and West Florissant shall
23 hereafter be honorarily designated as "Reverend Donald Hunter Lane." As such,

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1 The Director of Streets shall erect an honorary street-name sign which sign shall
2 read "Reverend Donald Hunter Lane."

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