

1 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Street Commissioner to take all necessary  
2 actions to honorarily designate the 5000-5200 blocks of Lotus Avenue as Lou  
3 "FATHA" Thimes Avenue

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5 WHEREAS, Lou "Fatha" Thimes was born in St. Louis on October 18, 1928,  
6 graduated from Booker T Washington Tech High and went to historic Lincoln  
7 University on a basketball scholarship; and

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9 WHEREAS, Lou "Fatha" Thimes, while serving in the United States Army, began a  
10 radio career that spanned over 65 years, having one of the most recognizable voices,  
11 was able to lead St. Louis from the 50's and turbulent 60's through recent times,  
12 introducing his legion of fans and family to scores of artists celebrating Gospel and  
13 Rhythm and Blues; an

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15 Lou "Fatha" Thimes broadcast career gained him hundreds of local awards, he was  
16 one of the first St. Louisian elected to the National Association of Television and  
17 Radio Announcers, a St. Louis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and he was a  
18 Legacy Inductee in the St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame; and

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20 WHEREAS, Lou "Fatha" Thimes was a long standing employee of the City of St.  
21 Louis logging almost 50 years between Human Development Corporation of  
22 Metropolitan St. Louis and the City License Collector's office; and

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24 WHEREAS, Lou "Fatha" Thimes married Mildred Dewalt in the mid 1950's and  
25 produced three sons, Edrick, Reginald and Lou Jr. and four daughters, Denise,

26 Deborah, Patrice and Kelly and raised his family on the triple blocks of the 5000-5200  
27 blocks of Lotus; and

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29 WHEREAS, Lou "Fatha" Thimes was called to glory on Wednesday, June 11, 2014  
30 four days before Father's Day.

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32 WHEREAS, THE Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis acknowledge and  
33 remember Lou "Fatha" Thimes as one of the city's cultural treasures and an important  
34 and significant part of our St. Louis' rich and diverse 250 year history and in  
35 furtherance of that acknowledgement seek to make a permanent acknowledgement in  
36 the form of giving the 5000-5200 blocks of Lotus the honorary name of Lou  
37 "FATHA" Thimes Avenue.

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

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41 SECTION ONE. Pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 68937 the 5000-5200  
42 blocks of Lotus Avenue shall hereafter be honorarily designated as Lou "FATHA"  
43 Thimes Avenue. The Director of Streets shall erect an honorary street-name sign  
44 which sign shall read Lou "FATHA" Thimes Avenue.

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