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April 23, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Tuesday morning (April 22, 2008), Jonnie Dawson, Assistant Business Manager of IBEW Local 1288, passed away.

We are all blessed to have been able to have her in our lives. As a one of a kind person, she was also a true soldier of justice and fought for the rights of everyone, including MLGW's customers. She was a giver who donated to various charities and always had time for those who really needed her. Jonnie was the type of person who came along once in a lifetime and believed that there was goodness in *all* people.

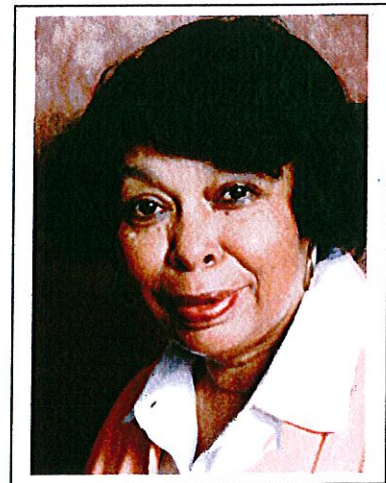
As one of God's children, she has now gone to join Him. Jonnie will live on in each and every one of us. For those of us who were blessed to have known her, she will *never* be gone.

We are richer for having known and loved her. It was a tremendous joy for her to have been able to serve Local 1288 membership.

Jonnie Dawson is someone who is truly worthy of remembrance.

Sincerely,

Rick Thompson,
Business Manager



P.S. She will *truly* be missed.

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Memo

To: IBEW Membership
From: Rick Thompson, Business Manager *R.T.*
Date: May 1, 2008
Re: **Jonnie Dawson** recipient of the Gillespie-Armmer Award



Sister Jonnie Dawson has been given honor as recipient of the GILLESPIE-ARMMER Award.

Knowing that the GILLESPIE-ARMMER Award was established in recognition of two great pioneers, Harold K. Gillespie, Jr. and Lonzola Armmer, "...for the sole purpose of recognizing those individuals who have given unselfishly of themselves toward the betterment of the Local Union...", its apparent that **Sister Jonnie Dawson** qualified for this award. It continues to honor great people who do an outstanding job representing those in *real need* of justice and fairness.

In 1979, Sister Jonnie was hired at MLGW as a Key punch Operator. A year later, she was promoted to Service Advisor. I noticed her natural ability to get along with others, and her professionalism and dedication to helping the employees of MLGW. It was obvious why, in June 2001, I appointed Jonnie Dawson as my Assistant Business Manager...one of the best decisions I've made for IBEW Local 1288.

Sister Jonnie had a knack for getting to the heart of the problem and finding an adequate solution -- a tremendous asset to MLGW, IBEW and anyone who knew her. She stood steadfast in her beliefs for the rights of others as she swiftly handled discrepancies with tack and diplomacy. **With integrity, loyalty, dignity and grace**, she performed her responsibilities exceptionally well...over-and-beyond the call of duty. Due to her outstanding organizing skills, **we reached a record breaking number of new members in the history of the IBEW Local 1288.**

On Tuesday, April 29th, before and after her funeral, it was even more evident that Sister Dawson was unequivocally deserving of this most prestigious award. So many people came forward and spoke honestly and openly about her attributes. She was a true **soldier of justice** who fought for the rights of everyone.

Based on all of the above, the IBEW Local 1288 Executive Board awards Sister Jonnie Dawson as the 9th honored recipient of the GILLESPIE-ARMMER Award, since the recognized Union in 1970. Her impeccable reputation speaks for itself!

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It is with Jonnie's tenacity that We will continue to work even harder to serve You.