

Jim Butler has been the President of Local 420 for 27 years and on August 18, 1999 he was elected as a International Vice President to the "mother union", AFSCME. Jim resides in Astoria, Queens, NY with his wife, Eloise.

Mr. Speaker, because of his dedication to helping health care workers and fighting for social justice, Jim Butler is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable leader.

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IN MEMORY OF BONNIE SCANLAN

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to Bonnie Scanlan, a dear friend and civic-minded individual who worked tirelessly for the community of Echo Park in the City of Los Angeles, California. On Sunday, October 7, 2001, we lost Bonnie after a characteristically valiant fight for life following a massive heart attack. Bonnie was laid to rest Saturday, October 13, 2001 at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California; we are comforted knowing that today she rests in peace.

Bonnie Susan Gerzofsky was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 28, 1946 to Molly and Leonard Gerzofsky, already parents to toddler Stan. When she was in the fifth grade her family moved to Alhambra, California. From All Souls Catholic School and San Gabriel Mission High School, Bonnie went on to graduate from Pasadena City College and then become a social worker for the County of Los Angeles.

She later married John Scanlan, together raising their three children Johnna, John and Stephan. Bonnie was a very hands on mom; she passed on her family's love of baseball to her boys, teaching them how to catch. She passed on the importance of community involvement to her children, as Bonnie's mother had to her, serving as Troop Leader during her daughter's days in the Brownies and the Girl Scouts. Bonnie was very proud of her family, especially her grandsons Christopher and Tommy. Perhaps the only love equal to that for her family, baseball and helping others was Bonnie's love for her ancestral homeland of Ireland.

Ownership in a Domino's Pizza brought Bonnie to the community of Echo Park in the late 1980's. Even though Bonnie remained a resident of the nearby city of San Gabriel, she felt that as a business owner in Echo Park she had a responsibility to the community and its people. Bonnie's contributions are countless: helping to organize the Echo Park Pride Day, donating a monthly "Pizza Night" to the Chris Brownie AIDS Hospice, holding a food drive at her pizza establishment every year during the holidays, feeding hungry police and firefighters during times of tragedy and crisis, and bringing the Los Angeles Philharmonic Musicmobile to the children at Mayberry School. It seems you could always count on her to support any cause that helped young people in the neighborhood and, of course, to

dole out those pizzas whenever and wherever the need arose.

In 1998 Bonnie was elected President of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce, a position she held at the time of her death. She invigorated the Chamber: reviving the community Holiday Parade, instituting the Jackie Finer-Reed Scholarship, starting the Echo Park business district's "Face Lift" program, and organizing the yearly Echo Park Night at Dodger Stadium. And, yes, there were always pizzas at every event.

I feel deeply privileged to have known Bonnie. She was a trusted friend. She was blessed with a kind, honest heart. And, as all who knew her will attest, she spoke her mind. How I miss that. . . .

On December 9, 2001, the community of Echo Park paid tribute to Bonnie Scanlan by dedicating this year's Holiday Parade in her memory. Bonnie served posthumously as Grand Marshal with her family riding the parade route in her stead. The people of Echo Park may not realize it, but Bonnie always felt that the community did more for her than she ever did for the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride, yet profound sorrow, that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Bonnie Scanlan, an exceptional human being. She left us too soon, with so much to do and so much to say. I will forever remember this beloved friend fondly.

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IN HONOR OF AUDREY LEE  
JACOBS, MBA, JD

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Audrey Lee Jacobs in recognition of her outstanding service to the community.

Audrey Lee Jacobs, MBA, JD is the President and CEO of Lyndon Baines Johnson Health Complex, Inc. In her short tenure, LBJ has made significant gains. Due in large part to Ms. Jacobs' strong business acumen, commitment and leadership, LBJ has earned an 11% increase in patient visits and produced a profit in fiscal year 2000—the first such increases in a number of years; established financial and operational, established a staff development and training program with Medgar Evers College and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center.

This child of Brooklyn's 10th Congressional District, having spent a number of years working throughout the United States for several of the world's largest corporations, is pleased to have returned to serve the community in which she was born. Ms. Jacobs attended the New York City public school system, graduating from Andrew Jackson High School as one of the top students in her class. She attended Vassar College on a full scholarship and majored in psychology.

Along the way, Ms. Jacobs developed a keen interest in business as she watched her entrepreneurial parents establish and run their own small businesses. When asked why she chose a business career, Ms. Jacobs remarked, "I have always found business to be

an exciting, challenging and rewarding environment where I could use all of my talents and enjoy myself at the same time". She began her career in marketing working for several multi-national corporations, including Mobil Oil Corporation and AT&T. In 1985, with those experiences under her belt and the desire to expand her knowledge in business, Ms. Jacobs entered one of the top business schools in the country, the University of Texas at Austin. In 1988, when she was awarded the Master in Business Administration degree from the University, she decided to enter a law school instead of immediately re-entering the corporate world. In the fall of 1988, Ms. Jacobs enrolled in the law school of her choice, Columbia University School of Law.

Having studied corporate law, Ms. Jacobs "cut her teeth" at two prestigious Park Avenue law firms. Shortly after receiving the Juris Doctor Degree from Columbia in 1991, Ms. Jacobs joined the mayoral administration of David N. Dinkins. Serving as an assistant to the president of the NYC Health & Hospital Corporation. When the Dinkins administration ended, Ms. Jacobs returned to the practice of law.

Though the years, Ms. Jacobs has been active in the alumni associations of Vassar and Columbia Law School; and she has raised funds for many community and political organizations. She has acted as a mentor to countless youth and has served as a volunteer lawyer with legal clinics representing the poor.

Mr. Speaker, Audrey Lee Jacobs is a Brooklyn success story. She has spent many years building an exemplary academic record and professional career and now she has come home to Brooklyn to share her success with her home community. As such she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

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IN HONOR OF JEHNEL DENISE  
BANNISTER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Jehnel Denise Bannister in recognition of her religious commitment and service to her community.

Jehnel Denise Bannister was born on January 28, 1967. She was raised by her mother, Dolores Autry, and is the older of two children. She graduated from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1989 where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Jehnel is currently employed as a Vocational/Recreational Counselor for the Project Return Foundations Women's Day Treatment Program.

In 1991, she became a member of the New Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Richard J. Lawson. Jehnel is also very active in her community in many other ways; she is a member of the A.L.C. Coral Ensemble, the Putnam Avenue Block Association, and a supervisor of the Youth United in the Body of Christ (which is a body of young