

## **Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., Endorses Dean for President**

COLUMBIA, S.C., Sunday, December 07, 2003--Illinois Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., today endorsed Governor Howard Dean, M.D., citing Dean's vision for America and his ability to unite Americans from all backgrounds and regions. Jackson made the announcement as part of a campaign swing with Governor Dean through South Carolina today, where the two men celebrated the opening of the Dean campaign's state headquarters.

"Today I'm endorsing Howard Dean because he desires to provide 'food for hungry men and women'--jobs, education and health care--and to 'strike a blow' to lift all Americans to a new economic plane and a higher moral plateau," Jackson said in a speech here today.

"Congressman Jackson is a great leader and an eloquent representative of the African-American community. I am proud to have him join the growing coalition of Americans of all communities and races who will work together over the next year to take our country back," Governor Dean said. "I look forward to drawing upon Congressman Jackson's counsel and working together to ensure that our vision for an America where everyone has equal rights and access to quality education and health care becomes a reality."

"It's extra special to receive Congressman Jackson's endorsement here in South Carolina-- the site of the first southern primary and a state where African Americans will play a decisive role in choosing the Democratic nominee. As we build the greatest grassroots campaign that presidential politics has even seen, we must reach out to those Americans who have lost interest in politics because the system has stopped working for them," Governor Dean said.

Since election to the House in 1995, Jackson has represented Illinois' 2nd Congressional District, which includes Chicago's South Side and South Suburbs.

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