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Statement by Sen. Borris L. Miles on the Passing of Rev. Jesse Jackson

Today, we lost a **GIANT**. Rev. Jesse Jackson was a prominent civil rights leader, founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and presidential candidate. He is well known for working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the Civil Rights Movement, and his continued work defending voting rights and fighting for marginalized and disenfranchised communities not only across this nation but around the globe.

Rev. Jackson fought nationally and internationally for economic justice, equality, global human rights, and social change. He often challenged America to live up to its potential and ideals of inclusion and justice for all. He visited Houston several times throughout his career, and I had the honor of working closely with him to open a Rainbow PUSH Coalition office in Houston.

Rev. Jackson was a champion of civil rights and left an indelible mark on our country; he taught us to believe in our worth; his work lives on, his lessons live on. It is up to each one of us to remember him, pick up his torch, carry on, and instill in the next generation that **“YOU ARE SOMEBODY!”**

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“Keep the Faith, Keep the Fight!”

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