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**NAACP SC State Conference President, Brenda C. Murphy Statement On the Life and Legacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.**

Columbia, SC - It is with sadness that the NAACP South Carolina State Conference acknowledges the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., a major figure in the American civil rights movement.

To South Carolina, Rev. Jackson was more than a civil rights leader — he was a cherished son whose courage and conviction helped shape the conscience of our state.

We were honored to welcome Rev. Jackson to our 2019 Annual Convention, where his presence, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to keeping hope alive inspired us all.”

On behalf of the NAACP South Carolina State Conference, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who were moved by his life’s work. May we honor his memory by continuing the fight for justice and equality he championed throughout his remarkable life.

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