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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 25-year anniversary of the Jesse Jackson run for President of the United States.

As a resident of Chicago, I have been privileged to be up front and close to the Jesse Jackson phenomenon. I have seen his positive impact on Chicago as he globalized a world vision for change. I know how he has helped the Democratic Party to become more democratic and the Republican Party to focus more on the Republic.

He has advanced the causes of all minorities, helped Illinois become a State where African Americans and other minorities can be elected to the highest of public offices, and he laid the groundwork for the election of the Nation's first African American President, Barack Obama.

Rev. Jackson, we salute you.