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New Conservative Coalition Calls On Congress to Solve Urban Problems

Bishop Jackson, Other Leaders Hold News Conference Nov. 9 Near Capitol

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3, 2011 – Bishop Harry Jackson and dozens of other conservative leaders will hold a news conference Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. on the Capitol grounds to reveal the formation of a new organization – E Pluribus Unum – and announce its legislative agenda for urban America.

Latin for “out of many, one,” E Pluribus Unum (EPU) is a coalition of organizations representing Republicans, conservative Democrats and independents that will focus on recruiting, organizing and mobilizing ethnic and minority voters.

At the news conference, Bishop Jackson, the chairman of EPU, will also announce plans for a Leadership Summit on Feb. 4 to discuss the most pressing urban problems. The major GOP candidates will be invited to engage in a dialogue with a predominantly African-American group of leaders. Key members of the administration and white and Hispanic leaders will also be invited.

EPU will concentrate on protecting the family by working to make jobs, housing and health care accessible for every American.

“With more than 14 million Americans unemployed and millions more losing their homes or in foreclosure, it is vital that an organization such as EPU work towards making recommendations for sensible job creation and reasonable solutions to keep families in their homes,” said Bishop Jackson. “Promoting adequate health care for Americans is also essential to the stability of families across the nation.”

Jackson said EPU, designated as a political organization under section 527 of the tax code, will identify ethnic and minority candidates; assist Republican incumbents; and organize, train and manage a diverse coalition designed to assist Republican organizations and eventually the Republican nominee for president. Although many of the organizers of EPU are Christian, membership is open to all like-minded individuals.

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The news conference will be held in the Capitol Senate Park, between Constitution Avenue Northwest and Delaware Avenue Northeast, adjacent to the fountain area in front of the steps leading up to the Capitol building, facing the Washington Monument.

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