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PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT

CONGRESSMAN CHET HOLIFIELD

NATIONAL CO-CHAIRMAN AND CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN FOR CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 28, 1972

I AM PROUD TO HAVE BY MY SIDE TODAY CONGRESSMAN CHET HOLIFIELD OF CALIFORNIA.

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CHET HOLIFIELD AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER -- HE IN THE HOUSE, I IN THE SENATE -- FIGHTING FOR PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION SINCE I FIRST CAME TO THE SENATE IN 1948, TOGETHER WE HAVE FOUGHT THE PEOPLE'S BATTLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, FOR ARMS CONTROL, FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I AM PLEASED AND HONORED THAT CHET HOLIFIELD WILL BE A NATIONAL CO-CHAIRMAN AND STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN FOR CALIFORNIA.

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As you know, Congressman Holifield is dean of the Congressional delegation of California, now our nation's most populous state. He was first elected to the House in 1942, then re-elected 14 consecutive times -- each time by a larger majority.

IN THAT SPAN OF 30 YEARS, HE HAS RENDERED TRULY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HIS DISTRICT, HIS STATE AND HIS NATION.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CALIFORNIA IS A KEY STATE IN MY CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

ITS MORE THAN 20 MILLION PEOPLE CONSTITUTE A MICROCOSM OF THE NATION -- ITS AGRICULTURAL ABUNDANCE, ITS MIGHTY TECHNOLOGY, ITS WEALTH AND ITS POVERTY, ITS FRUSTRATIONS AND ITS HOPES.

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CONGRESSMAN CHET HOLIFIELD KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS CALIFORNIA AND ITS PEOPLE. HE WILL BRING TO MY CAMPAIGN THE SAME QUALITIES THAT HAVE DISTINGUISHED HIS LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE: GREAT ABILITY, EFFECTIVENESS, INTEGRITY, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.

I AM PROUD TO HAVE HIM ON MY TEAM.

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