

DAVE DINKINS

--~~Thosxxx~~ Many of us recognize the importance of BROAD EDUCATION AND SUPPORT for Redress/Reparations.

--In the past several weeks, our cause has made the pages of the New York Times, and other local news media. But before our issues became so "newsworthy"; our ~~xx~~ ^{next} first speaker ~~was~~ ^{Manhattan Borough Pres, Dave Dink's} ~~was~~ a full supporter of Redress; working ~~hard~~ ^{was} hard behind the scenes to help ~~xxx~~ build national support and education.

--During the 1st Presidential Campaign, some of ~~us~~ us were at the Harlem State Office Building, when Jesse Jackson addressed an overflowing crowd. Among the many ~~xxx~~ items on the Rainbow ^{Agenda} Coalition, was the need ~~x~~ to support R/R for J/A...an issue he was to echo throughout his Presidential campaign. It was through the ~~xxxxx~~ persistent efforts of Mr. Dinkins, that our issue came to have such prominence.

--In today's ~~xxxx~~ political climate, it is somewhat unique to find a local politician so willing to support a national issue; when he will have no immediate and pragmatic gain.

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We, J.A.'s do not ~~xxxx~~ have a large constration of population
constituting ^{a large} one voting block. ~~to deliver votes. xxxxxx~~ ^{and} ours is
certainly a national issue in scope; and is not one that has an
immediate local impace.

--Recognizing this, ~~ix~~ it is gratifying to ~~xx~~ find locally elected
officials such as Mr. Dinkins so willing~~x~~ to lend ^{us} ~~thexxxw~~ his *the*
whole hearted support.

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO ~~M~~INTRODUCE...

Manhattan Borough President, David Dinkins.