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# Brooke Supported for Vice President

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The appointment of Senator Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts as Vice President was urged here yesterday by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, civil-rights leader.

Mr. Jackson called on more than 5,000 delegates attending a black convention to organize support for Mr. Brooke to become the first black man to hold the Vice Presidency.

"Don't just sit back—we should send 15 million telegrams to President Ford," Mr. Jackson said in an address to the 75th annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World.

The group, with a membership of 450,000, is the largest black fraternal organization in the world. More than 30,000 delegates are in New York for the seven-day convention, which ends Friday.

Mr. Jackson, who received the organization's Lovejoy Award for "significant contributions to the welfare of all people," urged the delegates at yesterday's session in the New York Hilton to take a timely position on the Vice-Presidential appointment.

"You are the largest assembly of blacks to gather and the first since our new President. You must let the nation know what black people are thinking about," said Mr. Jackson, the 32-year-old head of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

The appeal drew a standing ovation from the delegates, who are to vote on a resolution in support of Senator Brooke at a general session on Friday.

Yesterday's session also heard Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton and

Governor Wilson, who was made an honorary Elk.

The black Elks, who have chapters in the Caribbean and in Europe as well as throughout the United States, are for the most part deeply religious middle-class men and women with a moderate outlook on civil rights.

In his speech, Mr. Jackson touched on themes that are major topics for the delegates — education, housing, urban problems and especially the prospect for cooperation between older, more substantial members of the black community and younger black people, who are generally regarded as more militant.

The delegates were obviously pleased when Mr. Jackson called for greater unity between what he called the "then" and the "now" generations. He asked a "coming together for truth."



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Governor Wilson and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson on the dais at black Elks convention here