

To the people who have worked so hard to give me the opportunity to serve as the Governor of Minnesota:

I say *thank you* from the bottom of my heart.

- Your hard work gave me the opportunity to give back to the people of Minnesota
Two billion;
Six hundred sixty four million;
Nine hundred forty eight thousand;
One hundred dollars; and,
Thirty-six cents.
- Your hard work gave me the opportunity to challenge the *sacred cows*.
- Your hard work and dedication gave me the opportunity to lower income taxes, reform and lower property taxes and, once and for all, get rid of those obscene license tab rates.

But more than anything, since I was elected governor Minnesotans have:

- *More* local control,
- *More* political parties,
- *More* citizen awareness,
- *More* voter participation
- But less special interest.

In the Ventura Administration there are no strings attached.

But our work is not done.

After today we will move forward with a slate of candidates and continue to be successful.

We will not fold our tent—we will fill our tent—and with Tim Penny, Martha Robertson, and all of our candidates, we will again *shock the world*.

While I am not with you today, my heart goes out to you.

Governor Jesse Ventura
Message to the Independence Party Convention
St. Cloud
July 13, 2002



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I assure you that I will get over this set back and be back in the mix of things doing what I can to help.

On behalf of myself, First Lady Terry Ventura, Tyrel and Jade, thank you so much.

Be assured we will never forget-- but remember -- this is not an end, it is the beginning!!!

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