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REVEREND JESSE L. JACKSON TO ADDRESS GGU LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is scheduled to deliver the commencement address to the 1986 graduating class of Golden Gate University School of Law on Saturday, May 24 at San Francisco's Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street.

Jackson, chairman of the National Rainbow Coalition, Inc., an independent political organization, will speak at the opening of the 85th annual commencement ceremonies, slated to begin at 11 a.m. About 150 students will receive doctor of jurisprudence degrees during the commencement exercises.

The 45-year-old Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in 1971. The South Carolina native has devoted nearly all of his adult life to the human rights movement. After graduating from high school, Jackson attended the University of Illinois on a football scholarship. Following his freshman year he transferred to North Carolina A & T State University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Sociology and Economics.

In November, 1983, Jackson launched a campaign for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the Presidency of the United States. Although he was unsuccessful, his candidacy marked the first full-scale effort by a black American to capture the nation's highest office.

The Law School commencement ceremonies will be closed to the public. Only graduates and their guests will be admitted.