

"Without you we cannot win," said Terry McAuliffe. chairman of the Democratic **National** Committee, as he addressed an overflow audience at PCUN Saturday in Woodburn, Well over 100 Hispanics and Democrats attended the voter rally.

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Top Democrat visits Woodburn to stump for Hispanic votes

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and sides, then spilled out into other rooms and onto the porch union (PCUN) to listen to Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe as he added. appealed to the audience to regis-

ter and to vote - Democrat. They came to see and hear the DNC chairman and they got what they came for as McAuliffe rallied the crowd as well as any national candidate on the stump.

"We cannot win without you!" said McAuliffe, appealing to Hispanics. He spoke of the historic 66 percent of Hispanic vote that is loyal to the Democratic Party, and chided Republicans, saying, "Support and outreach to Hispanachi band to the White House (re-registering Hispanics, speaking in ferring to George Bush) or serving tacos at \$100 a plate fundraising dinners."

McAuliffe arrived early and he spent more than two hours speaking to the Hispanic community, Democrats and going door-todoor where Hispanics are registered.

"Let me be crystal clear, the Democratic Party cannot win elections in this country unless we have strong support from the Latino community.'

"I need your help, the Democ-

ratic Party needs your help, our country needs your help," said hern Independent McAuliffe. "Democrats support People filled the chairs, aisles you and your needs 365 days a year."

"We will not forget our comlast Saturday at a local labor mitment to immigration reform, Social Security, job creation and affordable prescription drugs," he

> "One vote keeps us in control of the United States Senate and it is at risk," said McAuliffe, adding that Oregon may be the key state.

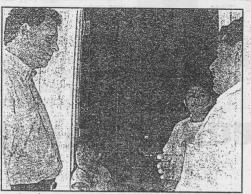
> Democratic Secretary of State Bill Bradbury is running against first-term incumbent Republican Sen. Gordon Smith and the DNC is expending time and money in launching the party's Hispanic Outreach Program.

McAuliffe reminded the group that voter registration forms are available in English and Spanish ics is more than "bringing a Mari- in Oregon and asked their help in the heart of the Oregon legislative district with the largest concentration of Hispanics in Oregon.

Woodburn is estimated to have a population of just over 50 percent Hispanic and House District 22 (Woodburn, Gervais and north Salem) has 40 percent Hispanics, the strongest Hispanic district in

However, the Hispanic voter turnout in the district has been estimated at 11 percent.

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"If I don't vote) I don't count," said Leticia Chimal (second right), Woodburn, last Saturday, in response to encouragement to vote from Terry McAuliffe, Democratic National Committee chairman as he went door to door. Chimal is a new citizen and a new voter. McAuliffe encouraged her to vote Democratic.

VISIT: McAuliffe visits Hispanic voters door-to-door

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Following the rally, McAuliffe joined local democrats and spent an hour going door-todoor in south Woodburn, knocking on doors of registered His-

sure to vote in the general elec- count!"

talked with Leticia Chimal, a children playing in their yards it was off to Portland Internanew citizen and a new voter. She and he showed off the enthusi- tional Airport and on to Hawaii responded to his message, say- asm he is known for, having his- to energize Democrats in the panics and asking them to be ing "If I do not vote, I do not torically wrestled an alligator on Aloha State.

During his visit, McAuliffe prospect at the age of 22. At his first door, McAuliffe talked with people on the street,

a dare from a fund-raising

After two hours in Woodburn.