We're just six days from the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama and Congressman Pence is on the record speaking about the significance of the inauguration.

The *Herald Bulletin* reports :

For now, however, Pence is just looking forward to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

Pence said he knows he'll be on the stage during the ceremony but was unsure about the seating arrangements. He joked that he and other Republicans will likely be stuck in the "nose bleeds."

The inauguration, he said, is significant because it sends a message to the world about the progress America has made.

Pence said he once spoke with Hamed Karzai, president of Afghanistan, about Obama before the election. Pence said Karzai admitted that his own country had not been able to overcome racial barriers as he speculated about Obama's election to the presidency. "He said, 'That could never happen here,'" Pence said.

Pence believes Obama's election sends the right signal to the world. "Our detractors aren't going to be able to paper this one over."