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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Theodis Pace, the  
4 President of the Kankakee County Branch of the NAACP, on  
5 receiving 2 awards from the NAACP; and

6           WHEREAS, The 19-year president of the Kankakee County  
7 Branch of the NAACP has advocated for minorities, and his  
8 behind-the-scenes work has sometimes gone unnoticed; however,  
9 he was recently selected as the NAACP's 2012 Midwest Region III  
10 President of the Year and also received the region's 2012 Roy  
11 Wilkins Award, better known as the Man of the Year Award; and

12           WHEREAS, It was the first time that a person from the  
13 Kankakee County Branch has received the award since the Branch  
14 was formed in 1945; and

15           WHEREAS, He became President of the Branch in 1993; at the  
16 time, the membership was down and meetings were not being held  
17 on a regular basis; and

18           WHEREAS, As a result of his hard work and dedication,  
19 membership has increased, the organization has developed a good  
20 relationship with the community and local businesses, and a  
21 local bank established a scholarship for young people involved

1 with the NAACP; and

2 WHEREAS, President Pace publishes a newsletter and hosted a  
3 radio program; in 2003, office space was obtained for the  
4 Branch; and in 2009, the Branch hosted its first State  
5 Conference; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Theodis Pace, the President of the Kankakee  
9 County Branch of the NAACP, for receiving the NAACP's 2012  
10 Midwest Region III President of the Year Award and the region's  
11 2012 Roy Wilkins Award; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Theodis Pace as a symbol of our respect and  
14 esteem.