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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 commend Richard Kwasneski on his years of service to the Pace
4 Board of Directors; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Kwasneski was originally appointed as the
6 representative from Southwest Cook County to the Pace Board of
7 Directors on August 28, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Kwasneski was appointed as chairman of
9 the Pace Board of Directors on December 7, 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, Richard Kwasneski is the longest serving chairman
11 of the Pace Board of Directors, serving nearly 20 years and
12 being reappointed by Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and
13 Will County chairs for five consecutive terms; and

14 WHEREAS, During Richard Kwasneski's tenure, he has been
15 instrumental in advocating for Pace and regional transit, and
16 as a result, Pace is well respected for the agency's
17 innovative approach in meeting the mobility needs of the
18 six-county region; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard Kwasneski's forward-thinking approach
20 when providing service to suburban riders has resulted in the

1 successful implementation of many programs, such as Bus on
2 Shoulder along I-55 and I-94, Flex Lane Express Service along
3 I-90, Pulse Rapid Transit, On Demand, and VanGo; and

4 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Richard Kwasneski obtained the
5 largest investment in suburban transit infrastructure through
6 the Rebuild Illinois Program, which provided funding for
7 garages in Plainfield, Elgin, Wheeling, and Bridgeview,
8 passenger facilities in Joliet, Schaumburg, and Harvey, and
9 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit technology,
10 all of which will help enhance the transit system for
11 generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Kwasneski is a dedicated public servant
13 who made significant contributions for the betterment of Pace,
14 and he has provided strong leadership with dedication and
15 compassion to the riding public and region; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend Richard
18 Kwasneski on his years of service to the Pace Board of
19 Directors, and we celebrate his great achievements; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Richard Kwasneski as an expression of our esteem

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1 and respect.