

House Resolution 412

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Stephen "Steve" Pace, Jr., and expressing regrets at his  
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Stephen "Steve" Pace, Jr., on January 6, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Steve was born on March 23, 1923, in Americus, Georgia, the beloved son of  
6 the late Congressman Stephen Pace and Grace Ragan Pace; and

7 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding student, attending Emory University and receiving his  
8 law degree from the University of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Steve proudly served his country through his appointment as a Cadet in the  
10 United States Military Academy where he was a member of the West Point Glee Club,  
11 manager of the Army football team, and member of the military escort for President Franklin  
12 Roosevelt's procession to the President's final resting place; and, following graduation from  
13 the academy, Steve became a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, serving as a true  
14 American hero in the 24th Infantry Division during the occupation of Japan; and

15 WHEREAS, following his military service and completion of law school, Steve was named  
16 Executive Secretary to Senator Walter F. George and later was appointed District Attorney  
17 for the Houston County Judicial Circuit where he helped protect the public while ensuring  
18 justice from 1975 until 1981, and for his exceptional representation, he was named District  
19 Attorney Emeritus; Steve then concluded his long outstanding public service career,  
20 accepting an appointment as Director of Development for Andrew College where he worked  
21 from 1983 until 1987; and

22 WHEREAS, his commitment to his community was further demonstrated by his service as  
23 President of the Perry Kiwanis Club and Lt. Governor for the Division, and in recognition

24 of his service he was named Man of the Year for the Ingleside Kiwanis Club in Macon and  
25 Kiwanian of the Year for the Perry Kiwanis Club; and

26 WHEREAS, Steve was known for his gentle spirit and kind heart and was a devoted member  
27 of the Perry United Methodist Church where he served as a Lay Leader, member of the  
28 Administrative Board, and IHS Sunday school class teacher; Steve was also a loving husband  
29 to his beautiful wife of 67 years, Grace Greene, a devoted father to their two sons, Stephen  
30 Pace III and Mark Pace, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather to his grandchildren,  
31 Keith, Christie, and Alvin, and great-granddaughters, Laura Kate and Julianna; and

32 WHEREAS, Steve is most notably remembered for his tremendous dedication and service  
33 to the Boy Scouts of America, he was a 1939 Eagle Scout in an area now designated as the  
34 South Georgia Council, he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Vice-President of the  
35 Chehaw Council, and he is listed as Eagle Scout #53 in the combined Eagle list of all  
36 predecessor councils; and

37 WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman was filled with much strength of character,  
38 determination, and honor, and he will long be remembered in the hearts of those who knew  
39 and loved him dearly.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
41 deepest regrets are expressed at the passing of Stephen "Steve" Pace, Jr., whose life and  
42 memory are hereby honored with sincerest condolences extended to his family and friends.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
45 family of Stephen "Steve" Pace, Jr.