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**David J. Mackowski of  
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CERTIFIED AGING-IN-PLACE SPECIALIST (CAPS) DESIGNATION**

In his continuing efforts to promote the professionalism of remodeling in the Triangle area, David Mackowski of Quality Design & Construction (formerly Quality Home Improvements) recently became part of the select group of professionals nationwide to earn the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation, identifying him as part of the building industry's top professionals with skills and knowledge specific to home modifications for aging-in-place. David has already earned their CGR\*\* (Certified Graduate Remodeler) designations. (The CGR designation is intended to identify those who demonstrate exceptional business integrity, competence and a solid track record of satisfaction.)

The Remodelers<sup>TM</sup> Council of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in collaboration with the NAHB Research Center, NAHB Seniors Housing Council and the AARP created the CAPS program. The CAPS designation program teaches builders, remodelers and designers how to use progressive technology to renovate houses so that an aging population can live out their days in their own homes.

CAPS was developed to help home remodeling professionals meet the needs of the 77 million Baby Boomers that will reach retirement age in the first years of the 21st century. The CAPS designation identifies remodelers that have been trained to help retirees and older adults remain in their homes safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of income or ability level, and continue to live in a familiar environment throughout their maturing years.

In three days of course work, the CAPS curriculum incorporates a variety of information tailored to aging-in-place home modifications, including: background on the older adult population; communication techniques; common aging-in-place remodeling projects; marketing to the aging in-place market, common barriers and solutions; codes and standards; product ideas and resources; and business management.

CAPS program graduates are required to maintain their designation by attending continuing education programs and/or participating in community service projects. CAPS classes are offered through local and state home building associations and at national trade shows including NAHB's International Builder's Show and the Remodelers' Show.

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