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## **For Immediate Release**

### **NAACP Temple Branch President receives the State NAACP Torchbearer Award**

[TEMPLE, TEXAS] – The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Temple Branch is delighted to announce that its esteemed President, Dr. Zoe Grant, has been awarded the prestigious 2023 Torchbearer Award at the 86th State Convention held in Pflugerville, Texas, in October.

The Torchbearer Award, a high honor bestowed by the State NAACP, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and outstanding contributions to the advancement of civil rights and social justice in their communities.

Dr. Grant's dedication to promoting equality, advocating for justice, and championing the rights of marginalized communities has made a significant impact on Temple and the surrounding areas. Under her visionary leadership, the NAACP Temple Branch has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at addressing systemic inequality, promoting education and economic empowerment, and fostering social cohesion within the community.

During her tenure as President, Dr. Grant and the Executive Committee has tirelessly worked to bridge the gap between communities, encourage dialogue, and inspire positive change. Her passion for social justice and her tireless efforts have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers, making her a natural choice for the Torchbearer Award.

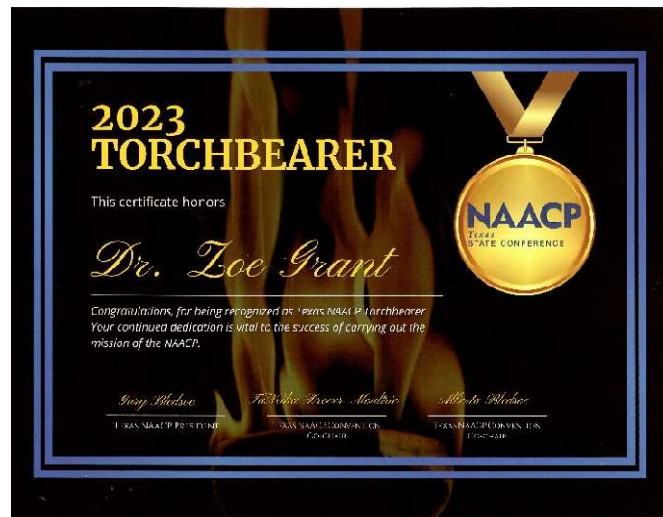
"We are incredibly proud of Dr. Zoe Grant's accomplishments and the recognition she has received through the Torchbearer Award," said William Leak, Publicity and Communication Chair of the NAACP Temple Branch. "Her dedication to the principles of the NAACP and her relentless pursuit of equality have made a profound difference in the lives of many. This award is a testament to her hard work and unwavering commitment to the cause of civil rights."

The 86th State Convention of the NAACP held in Pflugerville, Texas, brought together leaders, activists, and advocates from across the state to discuss critical issues facing communities today. Dr. Grant's inspiring work and commitment to the NAACP's mission were acknowledged and celebrated by attendees at the convention.

For more information about the NAACP Temple Branch and its initiatives, please visit [www.templetznaacp.org](http://www.templetznaacp.org)

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*NAACP Mission: The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.*



### Torchbearer 2023 Submission

Dr. Zoe Grant was elected as Temple Texas' first African-American Councilwoman for District 2 in May of 2023. Originally from Denver, Colorado, she has been a Temple Resident since 2016. She was originally part of the NAACP Killeen Chapter when she served as President/Life Member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Mu Delta Zeta Chapter. She later moved to the NAACP Temple Branch where she served as Secretary for two terms.

Dr. Grant was elected as the 2023 NAACP Temple Branch President and has pushed education, growth and development, and more electronic and social media communications. The chapter has thirty-three new members since her taking office and many other reclaimed members, despite losing some. The new members include three youth life members ages 2, 10, and 13 years old, one new subscribing life, and a Partnership/Life Membership with Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, a first for them and our branch. Dr. Grant encourages Branch partnerships within the community and local colleges to create a more cohesive environment and pushes for health, safety, voting, and elderly care initiatives while adhering to National NAACP Initiatives. The branch/members continue to be on the Citizen's Police Advisory Commission and have been invited to provide input in the City's Strategic City Planning.

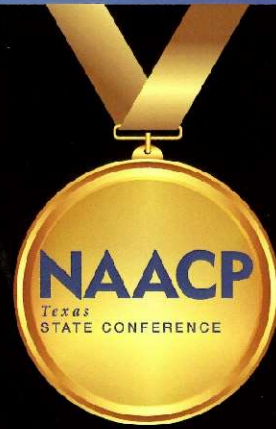
Besides holding these two very important offices, she is still a very active part of the community and Bell County and is involved in many organizations by serving on the executive board or as a member. She is also the founder/Executive Director of Zoe's Wings Foundation, Inc. which repairs homes for moderate-income homeowner who cannot afford to get necessary assistance for safety and health issues.

# 2023 TORCHBEARER

This certificate honors

*Dr. Zoe Grant*

*Congratulations, for being recognized as Texas NAACP Torchbearer.  
Your continued dedication is vital to the success of carrying out the  
mission of the NAACP.*



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