

House Resolution 989

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup> and Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Cynthia Tucker on being presented the Pulitzer Prize; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cynthia Tucker is a nationally renowned journalist and editorial page editor for  
3 *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and an admired syndicated columnist whose commentaries  
4 appear in newspapers across the country; and
- 5 WHEREAS, she is a native of Monroeville, Alabama, and a graduate of Auburn University  
6 in Alabama; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she joined the *Atlanta Journal* as a reporter in 1976, later becoming an editorial  
8 page editor responsible for guiding the development of the newspaper's opinion on  
9 everything from foreign policy to local school board races; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she is greatly admired by her peers as demonstrated by her receipt of many  
11 professional awards and honors, including a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University in  
12 1988 through 1989, a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, the American  
13 Society of Newspaper Editors' Distinguished Writing Award in 2000, a four-time Cox  
14 Newspaper award winner in column writing, and the 2006 NABJ's Journalist of the Year  
15 award; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 2007, Cynthia Tucker was selected to receive the coveted Pulitzer Prize for  
17 commentary; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize was awarded for her distinguished commentary and "her  
19 courageous clear-headed columns that evince a strong sense of morality and persuasive  
20 knowledge of the community"; and
- 21 WHEREAS, this distinguished lady and public servant has dedicated much of her life to the  
22 citizens of the State of Georgia, working to improve the quality of life for all Georgians; and

1 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
2 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state; and

3 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
4 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and commitment; and she has given inspiration to many  
5 through her high ideals, morals, integrity, and deep concern for her fellow man.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 this body congratulates Cynthia Tucker upon being named the 2007 winner of the Pulitzer  
8 Prize for commentary, commends her for her many contributions to the State of Georgia and  
9 this nation, and extends to her its most sincere best wishes for continued success.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cynthia Tucker.