

House Resolution 2311

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Phillip Lee Williams on his induction into the Georgia  
2 Writers Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2010, Mr. Phillip Lee Williams was inducted into the Georgia  
4 Writers Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, the beloved son of Marshall Williams and the late Ruth Williams, Mr. Williams  
6 was instilled with a deep and abiding love of the arts at a young age; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of  
8 Georgia and was recognized during his senior year with an honorable mention in the  
9 inaugural Agnes Scott Writers Festival; and

10 WHEREAS, a newspaper journalist for a number of years, Mr. Williams served as associate  
11 editor of *The Madisonian* and worked for *The Athens Observer* before returning to the  
12 University of Georgia to pursue a master's degree in English; and

13 WHEREAS, after completing his graduate work at the University of Georgia, Mr. Williams  
14 remained at the school to serve as a faculty member and has served as assistant dean for  
15 public information since 1985; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has authored 14 published books, including ten novels, three  
17 works of nonfiction, and a volume of poetry; and

18 WHEREAS, his books focus largely on nature, aging, and marginalized people, have been  
19 translated into several foreign languages, and have been featured in Georgia textbooks; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's novel *A Distant Flame* won the Michael Shaara Prize for best  
21 Civil War novel published in the country in 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Georgia, Mr. Williams settled in Oconee County with his  
23 wife Linda a number of years ago and many of his stories are set in Madison; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is among the finest writers the State of Georgia has ever produced  
25 and his induction into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame is an honor befitting of his talent as  
26 a writer and supporter of the arts.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Phillip Lee Williams on his incredible literary works  
29 and congratulate him upon his recent induction into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Phillip Lee Williams.