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Governor Proclaims Tenth Annual Texas Writers Month

AUSTIN, TX — Governor Rick Perry has declared May 2003 the tenth annual Texas Writers Month. In a proclamation released today, Governor Perry said, “Whatever their source of inspiration, the writers of the Lone Star State continue to capture our interests, serving as time-honored avenues of education, entertainment and enjoyment. I encourage Texans to participate in this annual celebration by reading the work of a Texas writer.”

The Texas Writers Month Tenth Anniversary Party will be Thursday, May 8, 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in The Village of Westlake (701 South Capital of Texas Highway). The event is free and open to the public and sponsored by Endeavor Real Estate and The Village at Westlake.

May 2003 marks the second annual One Book/One Texas program; a statewide reading initiative that encourages the reading of a Texas author as part of the month-long celebration. The 2003 selection is *Goodbye to a River* by John Graves of Glen Rose. A profile of Graves, along with a curriculum and study guide for the book, is available on-line at www.4empowerment.com.

The 2003 Texas Writers Month commemorative poster features the late writer and folklorist J. Frank Dobie. Previous posters have honored John Graves, Horton Foote, O. Henry, Katherine Anne Porter, Larry McMurtry, Cormac McCarthy, Elmer Kelton and Liz Carpenter.

Texas Writers Month began in 1994 as a statewide celebration of writers, readers and books. Thousands of Texans take part in literary programs each May sponsored by schools, bookstores, libraries, community centers and arts organizations.

Statewide sponsors for Texas Writers Month 2003 include Barnes & Noble, BookPeople, Marc English Design, Texas Library Association, *Texas Monthly* and Texas Writers Project, Inc.