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Tributes to Rajaji As A Writer

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The Southern Regional Office of the Sahitya Akademi adopted a resolution expressing condolence over the death of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari at its meeting held here to-day. The resolution referred to Rajaji's association with the Akademi since its very inception. He was the recipient of the Akademi Award for Tamil in 1958 and as a writer in Tamil and English he used his uncanny power over language as an instrument of instruction, persuasion and purposive action, the resolution added.

Several speakers paid tributes to Rajaji and referred to his contribution as a writer. Some of them recalled their personal association with him. Mr. K. Chandrasekaran, who presided, said Mr. Rajagopalachari as a writer was a bridge between the past and the present. Dr. V. Raghavan, who read a 'kavitanjali' in Sanskrit said it was Rajaji as the then Union Education Minister laid firm foundation for establishing the Akademi. It was the instructional aspect of his writing that struck every one, he added. Mr. Justice S. Maharajan of Madras High Court said that Rajaji's literary friends were fortunate to be closer to him than the political friends. Others who paid homage to him were Messrs. P. Padmaraju, E. K. Purushothaman, D. Anjaneyulu D. Jayakanthan and T. Neelakantan and Vidwan Viswam. Mr. M. P. Somasundaram read a "Kavitanjali" in Tamil. Mr. C. R. Sarma, Secretary, welcomed the gathering. The meeting observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to Rajaji.