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275th Birthday Bash and Awards Gala On the Occasion of the 275th Anniversary of the Founding of the Colony of Georgia

Savannah, GA – January, 23, 2008. Join the Georgia Historical Society and national, state, and local leaders in honoring the 275th Anniversary of the founding of the Colony of Georgia. This gala evening will feature acclaimed author and NBC's Presidential Historian Michael Beschloss as Keynote Speaker. The evening will begin with cocktails at the site of Oglethorpe's landing; dinner will follow in a seating plan designed to evoke Savannah's famous historic squares. The program will feature greetings from Her Majesty's government, the presentation of the Society's three major awards, and Mr. Beschloss' address on great moments of leadership in American history. A book signing and dancing will roundout the 275th Birthday Bash.

GHS will honor two longtime supporters during the event. Atlantan Bradley Hale will receive the John Macpherson Berrien Award for lifetime achievement in Georgia history. Savannahian Archie H. Davis will receive the Sarah Nichols Pinckney Volunteer of the Year Award, which recognizes individuals who have selflessly contributed their time and resources to advance the mission of the Georgia Historical Society to collect, preserve, and share Georgia history.

Tickets are \$175 a person and are available by phone at 912.651.2125 or online at www.georgiahistory.com. All proceeds benefit the Georgia Historical Society, a 501(c)3 organization.

The Birthday Bash and Awards Gala is part of Georgia Days, a month-long commemoration of Georgia's rich history, and GHS's signature educational event of the year. For more information visit www.georgiahistory.com and follow the Georgia Days links.

Keynote Address Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Jepson, Jr.

The Georgia Historical Society, headquartered in Savannah, is the oldest cultural institution in the state and one of the oldest historical organizations in the nation. It is the first and only statewide historical society in Georgia. For nearly 170 years, GHS has collected, preserved, and shared Georgia history through a variety of educational outreach programs, publications, and research services. For more information visit: www.georgiahistory.com.

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