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Tybee Island Historical Society to Receive Award from Georgia Historical Society

Tybee Island, GA – October 21, 2009. The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) is honoring the Tybee Island Historical Society with a Presidential Citation for their restoration of the Tybee Island Light Station, and their outstanding service to the people of Georgia. Dr. W. Todd Groce, President and CEO of GHS, will present the citation to the Society's members at the 2nd Assistant Keepers' Cottage at the Tybee Light Station on Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m.

The citation recognizes the Tybee Island Historical Society's rehabilitation of the Tybee Island Light Station, which was completed in 2008 with the restoration of the 2nd Assistant Keeper's Cottage. The Tybee Island Historical Society has, after 20 years of hard work, restored the Tybee Island Light Station to its original 1916-1936 appearance. The Tybee Island Light Station is one of the United States' most complete historic light stations and is a resource for Georgians of all ages and visitors from around the world to understand better the unique and fascinating role the lighthouse played in Georgia's coastal and maritime history.

"This project is the culmination of years of hard work by volunteers and members of the Tybee Island Historical Society," said Dr. Groce, "and GHS is proud to recognize their efforts in preserving this invaluable piece of Georgia history for future generations."

For more information contact either GHS at 912.651.2125, or the Tybee Island Historical Society at 912.786.5801.

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 175 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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