



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 7, 2012

Contact: Brandy Mai, Georgia Historical Society  
912.651.2125, ext. 114 or [bmai@georgiahistory.com](mailto:bmai@georgiahistory.com)

Michael Jordan, Savannah Ocean Exchange  
912.713.8411 or [mj@cosmosavannah.com](mailto:mj@cosmosavannah.com)

Michelle Riley, Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum  
912.232.1511 or [michelleriley@shipsofthesea.org](mailto:michelleriley@shipsofthesea.org)

### Nuclear Ship *Savannah* Receives Historical Marker

SAVANNAH, Ga. – The Georgia Historical Society, in collaboration with the Savannah Ocean Exchange and Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, will dedicate a historical marker for the Nuclear Ship *Savannah* on **Wed., Aug. 22, 2012, at 5 p.m.** The dedication will take place at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center.

Completed in 1961, the NS *Savannah* was the world's first nuclear-powered passenger and cargo ship. A project of President Dwight Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" initiative, the *Savannah* arrived in its namesake city on Aug. 22, 1962, exactly 50 years before this month's marker dedication. The ship was visited by 1.4 million tourists and passengers as it traveled to ports around the world from 1961-1972.

The marker dedication will include a keynote address from Franklin A. Parker, Chief Counsel of the U.S. Maritime Administration. A public reception sponsored by the Propeller Club will follow.

Two local exhibits are being displayed to honor the NS *Savannah*. Georgia Historical Society's exhibit is open Wed.-Fri. from noon-5 p.m. and the first and third Sat. of the month from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information on the exhibit contact the GHS Library & Archives at 912.651.2128.

Savannah City Hall will also feature an exhibit beginning Aug. 9. The exhibit is open on City Council Days and during public tours given the first Tues. of the month. To register for a tour or for more information on the City Hall exhibit, contact Luciana Spracher at 912.651.6411 or [Lspracher@savannahga.gov](mailto:Lspracher@savannahga.gov).

###