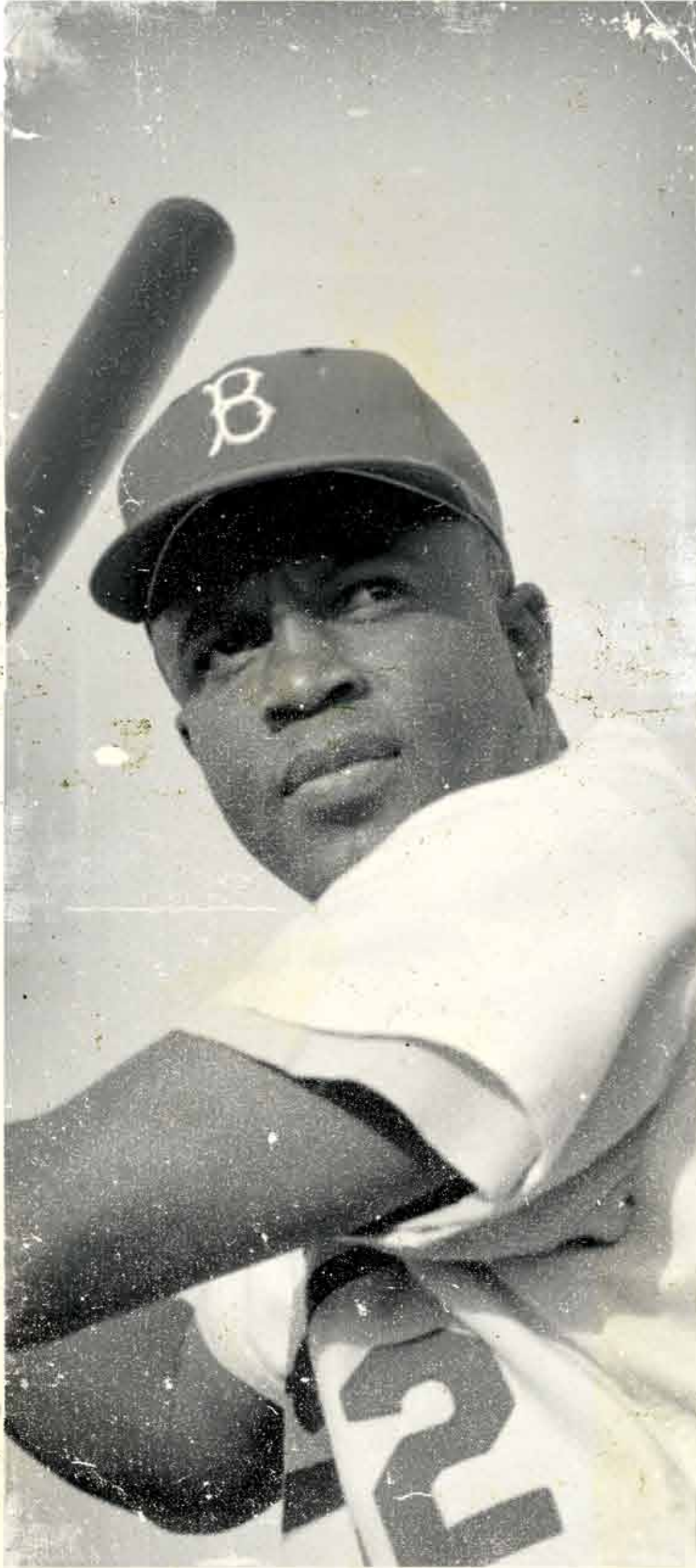


# 2010



## GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S GEORGIA DAYS



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# Schedule of Events

## GEORGIA DAYS KICKOFF EVENT

Featuring an evening with National Public Radio's Scott Simon, author of *Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball*

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Annex – 460 Martin Luther King Blvd, Savannah

Sponsored by: Lecture sponsored in part by:

In this family friendly public event, award-winning journalist and author Scott Simon (National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition*) will discuss his critically acclaimed book, *Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball*. The program will highlight the legacy of Jackie Robinson, baseball legend, civil rights pioneer, Georgia native, and 2010 Georgia Days Honoree. Highlighting the challenges and ultimate triumph of Robinson's 1947 Major League debut, this program will set the stage for the entire series of Georgia Days events designed to educate students of all ages about the life and unique contributions of one of America's true heroes. Free and open to the public.

## GEORGIA DAYS COLONIAL FAIRE AND MUSTER

Saturday (Family Day) and Sunday, February 6-7, 2010, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wormsloe State Historic Site, Savannah

Sponsored by: with additional support from The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia

Take your family back in time to the site of one of the earliest and most beautiful colonial-era plantations of the Georgia coast. This popular annual living-history event features costumed re-enactors and vendors offering students and adults a taste of the excitement and adversity of life for the first settlers of colonial Georgia. Highlights of this weekend-long event include cannon and musket firing; blacksmithing, craft, and cooking demonstrations; Native American and slave life interpretations; and period music and dance. An hourly schedule of events will be available upon arrival at Wormsloe. Free and open to the public.

## GEORGIA DAYS SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY

Sunday, February 7, 2010, 12 – 4 p.m.

Multiple Savannah-area sites

(visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) after January 1, 2010 for museum list, or contact individual sites of interest)

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Georgians and visitors alike experience our area's rich history and cultural life as historic sites, house museums, art museums, and other points of interest in Savannah and coastal Georgia open their doors to the public, providing an exceptional opportunity to experience the history in our own backyard. From Statesboro to Darien, over 40 cultural institutions throughout coastal Georgia participate in this popular GHS's Georgia Days annual family event.

## GEORGIA DAYS DIGNITARIES' COFFEE

Friday, February 12, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Savannah

Sponsored by:

An invitation-only event for dignitaries, sponsors and special guests prior to the Georgia Day Parade. Featuring greetings from dignitaries, introductions of costumed characters, and a continental breakfast, this event also includes the unveiling of new plaques honoring the creators of named endowment funds at the Georgia Historical Society.

## GEORGIA DAY PARADE

Friday, February 12, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

Bull Street from Forsyth Park to City Hall, Savannah

Sponsored by:

Thousands of costumed local elementary school children march behind their hand-made banners in commemoration of Georgia's founding in 1733. A colorful parade of students, musicians, local dignitaries, and costumed characters is preceded by a military color guard and marching band. Beginning at Forsyth Park and continuing around all five squares of Bull Street, the procession culminates with a program in front of City Hall, where the mayor and other officials bring greetings and present awards for the annual Banner Competition.

## GEORGIA DAYS BIRTHDAY BASH & AWARDS GALA, "AS TIME GOES BY"

Saturday, February 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency, Savannah

Raffle sponsored by: Wells Fargo Insurance Services

The Georgia Historical Society presents an evening of cocktails, dinner, lively discussion, and dancing at its premiere annual fund-raising event, the 2010 Birthday Bash and Awards Gala. This year's event, "As Time Goes By," will incorporate elements inspired by the landmark film *Casablanca* and will be the lavish culmination of the two-week commemoration of Georgia history and celebration of the life and legacy of Georgia Days Honoree and native of Cairo, Georgia, Jackie Robinson.

The 2010 Birthday Bash promises to draw an audience of business and civic leaders from across the state of Georgia. Governor Sonny Perdue will induct the 2010 Georgia Trustees, baseball legend Hank Aaron and Ted Turner, CNN Founder and Chairman, Turner Enterprises, Inc., followed by an insightful and entertaining discussion with the new inductees. In keeping with the evening's theme, and in honor of great American pastimes explored throughout the 2010 Georgia Days commemoration and honoree Jackie Robinson, GHS will hold a raffle for classic cinema and baseball memorabilia. Dancing to a live band will round out the evening. Reservations are required.

## Additional Educational Opportunities

### GEORGIA DAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BANNER COMPETITION

Sponsored by:

Elementary school classes compete by creating an original banner on the subject of the 2010 honoree, Jackie Robinson. Banners are submitted for judging and then picked up again for students to carry in the Georgia Day Parade on February 12, 2010. The three winning schools are announced and trophies are awarded at the City Hall Program at the end of the parade. Complete information and guidelines are available online at the GHS website ([www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com)) by following the Georgia Days link.

### EDUCATOR RESOURCES:

#### Georgia Days Jackie Robinson Curriculum Guide

Available online at [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) and in print to Savannah Morning News' Newspapers in Education subscribers

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The 2010 Online Curriculum guide contains detailed biographical information, archival images, tips for classroom instruction, and a listing of other related resources on Jackie Robinson, the 2010 Georgia Days Honoree. Georgia Days curriculum guides are designed to correlate with state learning standards and are available for free download at [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) by following the Georgia Days link. The curriculum guide is also distributed through the Savannah Morning News' Newspapers in Education program and is given to teacher-subscribers for distribution to students.

### IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

#### Georgia Days Jackie Robinson Presentations for Students

Sponsored by: The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation

Local elementary and middle school students are invited to participate in an interactive program with a local actor portraying the 2010 Georgia Days Honoree. Focusing on the life of Jackie Robinson from his birth in Cairo, Georgia, to his success in college and professional sports, to his efforts in the struggle for civil rights, this interactive performance will inspire students with a message of encouragement and the importance of hard work and perseverance in reaching goals. Programs scheduled on first-come, first-served basis and are dependent on interpreter availability. There is no charge for these programs, but reservations are required. Visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) and follow the Georgia Days link to find educator participation forms.

#### Georgia Days Student Craft Workshops

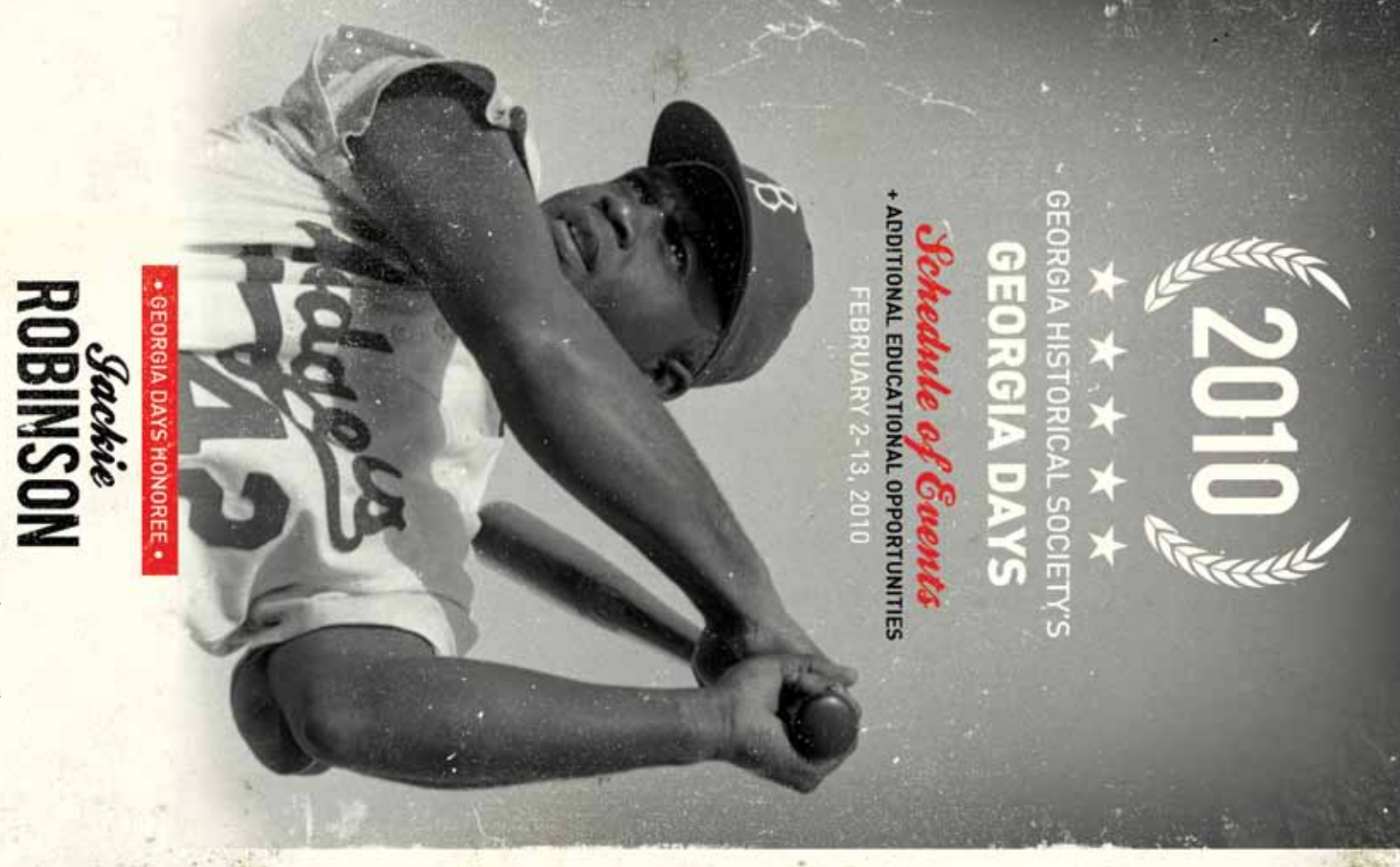
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Volunteers conduct hands-on workshops for local elementary school students. Coordinated by GHS and inspired by the life and times of Georgia Days Honoree Jackie Robinson, these classroom workshops will give students the opportunity to make connections with the past through direct art-making activities. Programs scheduled on first-come, first-served basis and are dependent on volunteer availability. There is no charge for these programs, but reservations are required. Visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) and follow the Georgia Days link to find educator participation forms.

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**Georgia Days Honoree**

Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born January 31, 1919, to tenant farmers living near Cairo, Georgia. Throughout his lifetime, Jackie Robinson earned acclaim not only for his incredible athletic ability but also for his courage, resiliency, and determination both on and off the field. His award-winning, though relatively brief, career in professional baseball was followed by success in business as well as important work in the struggle for civil rights in the United States. Robinson played in six World Series, contributing to a championship win for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1955; won the inaugural Major League Baseball Rookie of the Year Award in 1947 and the National League Most Valuable Player Award in 1949; and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

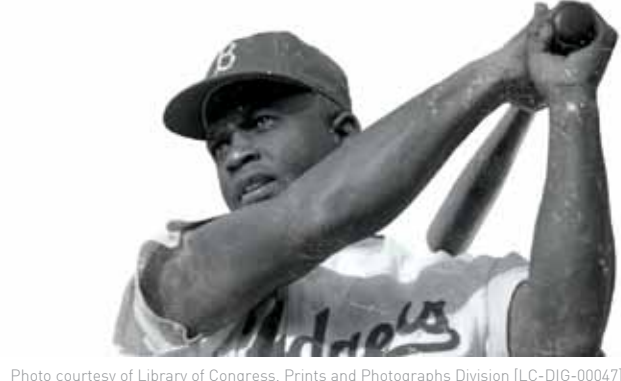


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Beyond his .342 batting average (1949), Robinson was a savvy businessman and an active player in the civil rights movement. He was a vocal supporter of Martin Luther King, Jr., and he traveled extensively to raise support for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). At King's request, Robinson went to Albany, Georgia, to speak after two black churches were burned there in August 1962, and he headed a national campaign to raise money to rebuild the Albany churches and a burned church in Lee County, Georgia. Robinson is clearly a national figure whose story was shaped beyond his modest Georgia roots, yet he remains a local hero in the hearts of many Georgians and an inspiration to all.

**About Georgia Historical Society's Georgia Days**

Georgia Days is the signature educational program of the Georgia Historical Society. Held annually around the anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia on February 12, 1733, this commemoration brings history to life for students of all ages through a variety of programs including a series of school events and curriculum, crafts workshops, the two-day Colonial Faire and Muster living-history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, and the colorful Georgia Day parade. By engaging students in interactive learning experiences, Georgia Days sparks the imagination, develops critical thinking processes, and opens the exciting world of the past to exploration, study, and understanding.

**The Georgia Trustees**

In conjunction with the Governor's Office, the Georgia Historical Society reconstituted the Georgia Trustees as a way of recognizing Georgians whose accomplishments and community service reflect the highest ideals of the founding body of Trustees. The original Georgia Trustees, a governing body chartered and appointed by His Majesty King George II of England in 1732 to establish a new colony in North America, founded the Georgia colony upon the principle of *Non Sibi, Sed Aliis*, "Not for Self but for Others." They established and governed the colony with this vision until their disbandment in 1752, after which Georgia became a royal colony. Reestablished in 2009, the Governor will make an annual appointment of new Trustees whose history-making accomplishments and service reflect the original Trustees' ideals.

**2010 TRUSTEES:**

- Henry L. Aaron (baseball legend)
- Robert E. Turner, III (CNN Founder and Chairman, Turner Enterprises, Inc.)



**Gala Speaker Information**

During the 2010 Birthday Bash and Awards Gala the Office of the Governor and the Georgia Historical Society will honor as the newest Georgia Trustees baseball legend Henry Aaron and Ted Turner, CNN Founder and Chairman, Turner Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Aaron and Mr. Turner are being recognized for their historic achievements, philanthropic contributions, and vast community service that have played such an important part in the story of Georgia and the nation.

As part of the evening's program, Mr. Aaron and Mr. Turner will participate in a conversation moderated by GHS staff. Join us for what promises to be a lively and engaging discussion with two of the most prominent Georgians in post-World War II America. To make reservations call 912.651.2125 ext.20, or visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).

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