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Sam Nunn will huddle up with Vince Dooley on Saturday evening

Georgia Historical Society to honor former senator, former football coach at annual Trustees Gala.

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By Chuck Mobley

His upcoming induction as a Georgia Trustee is a "great honor," said former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, who will share the stage Saturday evening with former University of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley.

The Georgia Historical Society is acknowledging the careers and contributions of Nunn and Dooley during its annual Trustees Gala at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. They were chosen because their service represents the ideals of the original trustees, the men who were appointed by the crown to govern the colony in 1732, said W. Todd Groce, president and CEO of the GHS.

The appellation was revived in 2009 as an honorary title. Previous recipients include Ted Turner and Hank Aaron.

Nunn said that he's deeply appreciative of the opportunity to join a select circle

with people of that caliber.

"I'm a great admirer of his, and have been for a long time," Nunn said of Dooley, who won a national championship and posted more than 200 victories for Georgia.

And, even though he's attended arch-rival Georgia Tech, Nunn foresees no clashes between him and Dooley on Saturday, except for perhaps their neckties: "He may have on a red tie, and I may have on a yellow one," Nunn laughed.

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What: Trustees Gala
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Hyatt Regency Savannah, 2 W. Bay St.
Details: With a theme of "Georgia Blues," this black-tie event will feature the music of Grammy Award-winner John Lee Hooker Jr., and will include the induction of the 2011 Georgia Trustees, Vince Dooley and Sam Nunn.

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Admission: For Georgia Historical Society members, \$250 a person; for non-members, \$285 a person; reserved tables for 10 start at \$2,750. Reservations are required.
Information: 912-651-2125, georgiahistory.com.

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