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MEDIA ALERT

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HOOPER-RENWICK SPEAKER SERIES

WHAT: Enjoy an evening with bestselling author Michael L. Thurmond. He is an American author, attorney and politician. Thurmond was previously the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County and a representative in the Georgia Assembly. His most recent is *James Oglethorpe, Father of Georgia, A Founder's Journey from Slave Trader to Abolitionist*. The book uncovers how Oglethorpe's philosophical and moral evolution from slave trader to abolitionist was propelled by his intellectual relationships with two formerly enslaved Black men.

Also hear from a graduate of the Hooper-Renwick school, Constance Brown, about its history and the significance of the school to this day.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 18, 2025
7:00 pm

WHERE: Lawrenceville Arts Center
125 N. Clayton Street
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

ABOUT: Because of the leadership of Peach State Credit Union as the principal founding donor of the Hooper-Renwick Memorial Programming Fund & Endowment and the generosity of many

others, this speaker series honoring those who attended Hooper-Renwick and their achievements are possible. The Hooper-Renwick Speaker Series showcases acclaimed, best-selling Black authors and local champions of racial equity and healing to foster courageous community conversations. One of the stated objectives of the series is to foster empathy toward and among all of Gwinnett County's diverse residents. The new Hooper-Renwick Library is being built on the site of the county's former black high school while incorporating the 1959 addition to the school into the new library. This 25,000-square-foot-themed library will serve the residents of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County, preserving and telling the Hooper-Renwick story for generations to come.

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