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Historian and Civil Rights Leader John Hope Franklin Comes to Carter Library Valerie Jackson's "Between the Lines" Program to be Recorded with Franklin

Atlanta, GA.- Ninety-year old John Hope Franklin has lived an extraordinary life. Born in Oklahoma Territory in 1915 and descended from slaves, he studied at Harvard, has taught at major universities, worked with Thurgood Marshall on the groundbreaking Brown vs. Board of Education case and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his civil rights work.

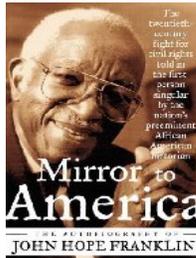
Friday night, November 4th, Franklin will talk about his life at a free lecture and book signing at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Carter Presidential Library theater. WABE's "Between the Lines with Valerie Jackson" will be recorded during Franklin's appearance. Following the taping, Franklin will take questions from the audience and sign his book, ***Mirror to America***.

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

7:30 p.m.

Lecture & Book Signing

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum



President Bill Clinton described Franklin's book saying "With his remarkable sense of humanity, renowned historian John Hope Franklin shares his life journey – an odyssey marked by scholarship, public service, and his passionate commitment to improve the condition of African Americans and their relations with their fellow citizens. Through candid stories of Franklin's relentless pursuit of equality, ***Mirror to America*** calls upon all Americans to look at our nation's past so that we may destroy the color line that continues to divide our country, and progress together into the future."

Maya Angelou said "John Hope Franklin is a true role model. He embodies the native optimism, i.e., that one can go from slavery to freedom, from ignorance to intelligence, can experience cruelty, yet manifest kindness. In ***Mirror to America***, each citizen can see herself and himself, reflected in the life of this great American."

Doors open at 7 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.