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CONGRESSMAN BARNEY FRANK TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER A CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATION

PHILADELPHIA, PA (JANUARY 30, 2006) – Thirteen-term United States Congressman Barney Frank from Massachusetts will join the National Constitution Center on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. for a *Citizens' Constitutional Conversation*. A prominent, provocative figure in the Democratic Party, Frank is outspoken on many human rights issues. Audience members will have the opportunity to listen to Frank share his constitutional expertise on issues such as the evolving Supreme Court, Congressional ethics issues and gay marriage. National Constitution Center President and CEO Richard Stengel will moderate. *Citizens' Constitutional Conversations* are underwritten by The Citizens Bank Foundation. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Barney Frank was the first openly gay member of the U.S. Congress, where he has served since 1981. He currently serves as the senior Democrat on the Financial Services Committee and is also a member of the Homeland Security Committee. Before his work in the U.S. House of Representatives, Frank served as a Massachusetts State Representative and an assistant to the mayor of Boston. A graduate of Harvard University, he has also taught at several Boston area universities.

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Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300th birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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