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BEN FRANKLIN DEFEATS PAUL REVERE HANDS DOWN IN ARM-WRESTLING COMPETITION FOR SUPERBOWL PREDICTION

Philadelphia, PA (February 2, 2005) – If Ben Franklin is strong enough, the Eagles are strong enough! At least that’s what was predicted after Franklin defeated Boston’s Paul Revere in an arm-wrestling competition in honor of Super Bowl XXXIX at the National Constitution Center this morning. Although Revere put up a good fight, his baked bean fuel supply was no match against Franklin’s ammo of Tastykakes and soft pretzels. Before a crowd of cheering students and visitors, Revere paid his dues to Philadelphia and the Eagles by gracefully accepting an olive-branch cheesesteak (“witout”) from Franklin.

The contest predicted not only that the Philadelphia Eagles will triumph over the New England Patriots this Sunday, but also solidified Philadelphia’s claim as the true “cradle of liberty.”

“In addition to being a popular museum with fun interactive exhibits, the National Constitution Center also has a mission to serve as a center for citizen engagement and national debate. Right now, there is no bigger debate than who will win the Super Bowl,” said Richard Stengel, President and CEO of the Center. “Since this battle is between the nation’s two most historic cities, we thought we would let two historical icons settle this debate over a gentlemanly arm wrestle.”

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, 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”. 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. Admission to the National Constitution Center is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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