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WISH BEN A HAPPY 300TH BIRTHDAY DURING BEN'S BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (December 19, 2005) – Get out your noise makers, birthday hats, and streamers! On January 17, everyone's favorite founding father turns the big 3-0-0! The National Constitution Center is celebrating the biggest birthday of the year with the birthday boy himself, Benjamin Franklin! On Sunday, January 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., the National Constitution Center will hold *Ben's Birthday Breakfast* in honor of Franklin's 300th birthday. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$16 for children ages 4-12, and include regular museum admission and admittance to the blockbuster exhibition *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*.

Ben's Birthday Breakfast will give families the chance to mingle with Franklin while enjoying continental breakfast and birthday cake provided by the Center's exclusive caterer, Max & Me. Children will also enjoy singing "Happy Birthday" to Ben and signing his official birthday card! In addition, colonial characters from *Once Upon A Nation* will be on hand to meet and greet guests, as well as hand out fun party favors.

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.gophila.com/ben.

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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". For more information, visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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