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AN EVENING WITH JUSTICE STEPHEN BREYER AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (December 21, 2005) — Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Stephen Breyer will visit the National Constitution Center to discuss his new book, *Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution*. This remarkable program is on Wednesday, January 18, and begins at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for members, and \$6 for students and teachers.

Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution is based on Breyer's 2004 lectures on Human Values, which he delivered at Harvard University. *Active Liberty* explores the Constitution as a guide for applying fundamental American principles to a changing society. *Publishers Weekly* reviews, "Supreme Court Justice Breyer offers his view of constitutional interpretation at a crucial time, when the Court's future is very much at stake. Breyer's prose is admirably simple and clear, and his discussion shows a keen legal intellect that espouses broad values rather than narrow theories, and a deep, humane concern with fostering democracy and the well-being of the citizenry."

Stephen Breyer was named Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1994. He recently made headlines during the Ten Commandments case during which he was a critical vote in the two close opinions, an event which he discusses in his book. *Active Liberty* is Breyer's fifth book. Breyer is also a member of the Distinguished Scholars Panel at the National Constitution Center.

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For more information or to make reservations, call 215-409-6700. Justice Breyer's book will be on sale January 18th at the National Constitution Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. courtesy of Joseph Fox Book Shop.

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".

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 CBS3. 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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