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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS
CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATION WITH LINDA GREENHOUSE**
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Philadelphia, PA (May 9, 2005) – The National Constitution Center presents a *Citizens' Constitutional Conversation* with *New York Times* Supreme Court correspondent Linda Greenhouse who will discuss her new book, “Becoming Harry Blackmun”, as well as the front page issues on the judiciary such as a possible high court vacancy and the proposal to remove the filibuster as a tool to block court nominations on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Moderated by National Constitution Center President and CEO Richard Stengel, this is the second in a series of six *Citizens' Constitutional Conversations*, underwritten by Citizens Bank Foundation, being presented this year.

Go behind the Supreme Court's closed doors as the Pulitzer-Prize winning Linda Greenhouse reveals the exciting personal and legal drama found in Justice Harry Blackmun's personal papers. Greenhouse was the first print reporter to have access to Blackmun's extensive archive, and her new book, *Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey*, examines Blackmun's transformation from then Chief Justice Burger's presumed ideological soulmate to the most liberal member of the Court. In addition, as a member of the Supreme Court press corps, Greenhouse will share her insights on “being Linda Greenhouse” as well as on Chief Justice Rehnquist's tenure, and offer analysis of the Court over the half-last century.

Justice Blackmun, who authored of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision, was at the center of the Supreme Court's most contentious debates – abortion, the death penalty, sex discrimination, and more. Through Greenhouse's meticulous research, learn how these political differences became personal, even for the country's most respected jurists.

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Seating is limited, and reservations are required. The program costs \$6 for students, \$9 for members and \$12 for non-members. For tickets or more information, please call (215) 409-6700.

The next *Citizens' Constitutional Conversations* will be "Stirring the Pots in American Politics" with Donna Brazile on Tuesday, June 22, 2005.

About the Citizens Bank Foundation The Citizens Bank Foundation is the principal charitable contributions vehicle of Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. The foundation's support is focused on housing, community development and basic human needs.

About the National Constitution Center

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". Beginning June 10, the museum will also feature its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The museum is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and military personnel. Group rates are also available.

The 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.

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