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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS NEW IPOD TOUR, *MEET THE SIGNERS*

With Video Introduction by President George H.W. Bush

Philadelphia, PA (September 4, 2007) – Launching in conjunction with Constitution Day 2007, the National Constitution Center presents new iPod audio tours! The first tour of its kind at the Center, *Meet the Signers* introduces visitors to the 42 men portrayed in life-sized, bronze statues in the most popular room of the museum, *Signers' Hall*. *Meet the Signers* will be available beginning on Saturday, September 15, 2007. The tour costs \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members and is available daily with the purchase of regular museum admission.

Meet the Signers begins with a video introduction to *Signers' Hall* by National Constitution Center Chairman, George H.W. Bush. An introduction to the Constitutional Convention follows, given by Richard Beeman, Professor of American History at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Center's Board of Trustees. Once the tour begins, visitors will be transported back to September 17, 1787, in Independence Hall, known at that time as the Pennsylvania State House, where the delegates to the Philadelphia convention gathered to sign the Constitution. Guests will hear each delegate speak as they explore the room and learn what they were thinking after nearly four months of working to create this world-changing document.

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Visitors can listen to the thoughts of signers like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and James Madison, and hear the delegates discuss the happenings of the convention and the future of the Constitution with one another. The in-depth tour allows visitors to follow a predetermined path around the room or to scroll to a specific name to hear that particular signer speak.

Meet the Signers was written by Larry Loebell and voiced by a group of prominent Philadelphia actors who play the 42 delegates. The tour was created with the generous assistance of the Drexel University School of Education. The National Constitution Center's iPod audio tours are supported by the Kent Foundation.

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 the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. 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 Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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