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2006 LIBERTY MEDAL CEREMONY TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

Philadelphia, PA (August 21, 2006) – The 2006 Liberty Medal will be awarded to Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall in Independence National Historical Park, in what will be the first Liberty Medal award given under the Center's management. It is also the first time both Presidents will be present to accept a joint award for their efforts.

In keeping with tradition, a quantity of seated and standing room Liberty Medal ceremony tickets are free and available to the public on a first come, first served basis. **Tickets can be ordered from Ticketmaster at (866) 392-6326 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006.** Callers are limited to two tickets per person.

Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton – who joined forces, transcending partisan and political differences to do what's best for the country and the world through their Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and Bush-Clinton Tsunami partnership – will be presented with the 2006 Liberty Medal. The Presidents, who are credited with raising more than \$1 billion to support disaster relief and recovery organizations, will donate the Medal's accompanying \$100,000 prize to ongoing relief efforts.

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Established in 1988 by We the People 2000 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Liberty Medal annually honors an individual or an organization from anywhere in the world that has “demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance, or deprivation.” For the past two years, the Liberty Medal had been administered by the Philadelphia Foundation. In June 2006, the National Constitution Center reached an agreement with the Foundation to assume all responsibility for the Liberty Medal, which will include the annual presentation of the award and a host of supplemental programs and activities designed to extend the Medal’s reach throughout the year.

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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR’s “Justice Talking,” a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: An advisory and press credential application for reporting media will be distributed in early September.