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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS STATE OF THE UNION BINGO FOR USE IN CLASSROOMS

Philadelphia, PA (January 16, 2007) – In preparation for the President’s State of the Union address next week, the National Constitution Center is offering “State of the Union Bingo” for students in grades 6-12. Designed as a lesson plan to engage students with the address in a fun and interactive way, this learning tool helps users understand the constitutional requirements for the State of the Union address, examine the choices the President makes, describe the events and topics addressed, and analyze the President’s legislative plan. This free lesson plan is available for download from the Center’s Web site at:

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/education/ForEducators/LessonPlans/17166.shtml>.

The lesson plan begins in a class period prior to the address, with the teacher providing background information about the State of the Union. Students will then examine the constitutional requirements of the annual address. As a homework assignment, students are then given a State of the Union Bingo card to use while watching the speech. During the next class session, the cards are used as discussion starters and tools to analyze the President’s agenda for the coming year.

The Bingo cards contain key words pertaining to current events, phrases the President might say, and actions he or others might make, including “Homeland Security,” “Iraq,” “Standing Ovation,” “Constitution,” and “Vice President Stands.” Winning Bingo is not guaranteed. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun and play along with their children.

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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. 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. The Center is also the home of the Liberty Medal award, presented annually as a lasting legacy to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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