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SHOWCASE ATHLETIC ABILITIES DURING THE SPRING OLYMPICS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (March 20, 2006) – Although the Winter Olympics have come and gone and the Summer games are a little more than two years away, fans will not have to wait long to get another Olympic helping. To help launch the new summer exhibit, *Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers*, the National Constitution Center will play host to its own Spring Olympics, beginning April 8 and occurring daily (except Sundays) through April 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children and their families will be able to participate in a variety of different events and show off their athletic ability. Those who complete all of the tasks will be awarded their very own Spring Olympics medal! Participation in the event is free, but regular museum admission is not included.

Spring Olympic events include table-top bowling, bean bag toss, and an inflatable boxing match. Participants will also be able to try their hand at throwing a touchdown pass and pitching a no-hitter. For those who consider themselves to be more of a spectator than an athlete, there will also be an Olympic craft-making opportunity.

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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 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 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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 CBS 3. 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.gophila.com/ben.

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