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SECRETARY TOMMY THOMPSON AND SENATOR TOM DASCHLE DISCUSS HEALTHCARE DURING THE 6TH ANNUAL TEMPLETON LECTURE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (May 16, 2008) – The National Constitution Center's Sixth Annual John M. Templeton, Jr., Lecture on Economic Liberties and the Constitution will consider the issue of health care, which has commanded national attention and become a focal point of debate during the 2008 presidential election process. Delivering this year's lecture, titled "Health Care, Choice or Mandate?" will be Secretary Tommy Thompson, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the 42nd Governor of Wisconsin, with a response from Senator Tom Daschle, former Senate Majority Leader from South Dakota. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Secretary Tommy G. Thompson served as Health and Human Services Secretary from 2001 to 2005, and is one of the nation's leading advocates for the health and welfare of all Americans. He also previously served as Governor of Wisconsin from 1987 to 2001. Thompson is currently a partner at the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, and is the senior advisor to the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions. There, he is working to develop innovative solutions to the health care challenges facing American families, businesses, communities, states, and the nation as a whole.

Senator Tom Daschle is a Special Policy Advisor at the law firm of Alston & Bird and the Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress. He is a former

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Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate and one of the longest-serving Senate Democratic leaders in history, representing South Dakota in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate for 26 years. Daschle is the author of a new book, *Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis*, which addresses one of America's most important challenges and offers progressive solutions.

Douglas W. Kmiec will moderate the program. Kmiec is a Professor of Constitutional Law and the Caruso Family Chair in Constitutional Law at the Pepperdine University School of Law. He also serves on the executive committee of the National Constitution Center's Distinguished Scholars Advisory Panel. Kmiec served Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush from 1985 to 1989 as constitutional legal counsel (Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice).

John M. Templeton, Jr., M.D. is President of the John Templeton Foundation, and directs all Foundation activities in pursuit of its core mission to serve as a philanthropic catalyst for discovery in areas engaging life's biggest questions in science and philosophy. He works closely with the Foundation's staff and international board of advisors of more than 50 leading scholars, scientists, researchers, and theologians to develop substantive programs in this endeavor. Dr. Templeton has been actively involved in the Foundation since its inception in 1987. In 1995, he retired from his medical practice to serve full-time as president of the Foundation.

The Annual John M. Templeton Jr. Lecture showcases the best constitutional minds in America as they discuss economic liberties in a forum open to the public.

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,

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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, 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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