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IS AMERICA READY TO ELECT THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT? AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (February 9, 2007) — A woman is now Speaker of the House, placing her third in the line of succession behind the vice president, and Hillary Rodham Clinton recently announced her candidacy for President. Is America ready for the first female in the Oval Office? In honor of Women's History Month, democratic media advisor **Celinda Lake**, The White House Project's President **Marie Wilson**, Democratic campaign guru **Joe Trippi**, and entrepreneur **Renee Amore** will join the National Constitution Center to help answer this timely question on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Moderating the event will be *Newsweek's* **Eleanor Clift**. Admission costs \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700 or at www.constitutioncenter.org.

Celinda Lake is president of Lake Research Partners, a leading Democratic polling firm. Lake is one of the country's foremost experts on electing women candidates. She has worked for Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and Senators Barbara Mikulski, Mary Landrieu, and Blanche Lincoln. Recently, she worked for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. For the upcoming presidential contest, Lake is working with Senator Joe Biden.

Prior to founding The White House Project, Marie Wilson served for six years as president of the Ms. Foundation for Women. She is a co-creator of Take Our Daughters to Work Day. The Project's mission is to build a truly representative democracy in which women lead alongside men in all spheres.

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Heralded on the cover of *The New Republic* as the person who “reinvented campaigning,” Joe Trippi started his political career volunteering on Senator Ted Kennedy’s presidential bid in 1980. Since then, Trippi has worked in presidential politics for Walter Mondale, Gary Hart, Richard Gephardt, and most recently, Howard Dean.

As founder and president of the The Amoores Group, Inc., Renee Amoores has earned a reputation as a knowledgeable and hard-working entrepreneur, healthcare advocate, and political advisor. Amoores played a role in the 1996 Republican National Convention as an alternate delegate, and in 2000, she was appointed assistant secretary to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, and read the roll call of states.

Eleanor Clift became a contributing editor at *Newsweek* in September 1994. She writes on the Washington power structure, the influence of women in politics, and other issues. She is currently assigned to follow the jockeying over policy and politics in the Democratic-controlled Congress, and the emerging contenders for the 2008 presidential nomination in both the Republican and Democratic parties. Clift also writes a weekly column on Newsweek.com titled “Capitol Letter” where she analyzes the political news of the week.

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 National Constitution Center’s programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the “Best Place To Smarten Up”. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.