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**HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO ADDRESS NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER LIBERTY MEDAL ATTENDEES VIA VIDEO RECORDING**

**Ceremony to Also Include Remarks by Richard Gere and Video Tribute to His Holiness**

Philadelphia, PA (October 22, 2015) –  The National Constitution Center released additional details today about its 2015 Liberty Medal Ceremony taking place Monday, October 26, 2015, honoring **His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet**. Following a video greeting from former President George W. Bush, actor, activist, and philanthropist Richard Gere will speak about the Dalai Lama's achievements and introduce a video tribute to His Holiness. The tribute video will feature House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Diane Feinstein, and Indian film actress and singer Priyanka Chopra, among others.

A video recorded greeting by His Holiness will conclude the ceremony.

Participants in the Liberty Medal Ceremony (in alphabetical order):
        **Richard Davidson**, board member of the Mind and Life Institute
        **Richard Gere**, award-winning actor, activist, and philanthropist
        **Carolyn Jacobs**, interim president of the Mind and Life institute
        **Thupten Jinpa Langri**, the principal English translator to the Dalai Lama
        **Mayor Michael A. Nutter**, Mayor of Philadelphia
        **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO, National Constitution Center
        **Tibetan Children's Choir**

In addition, the ceremony will feature video greetings by **President George W. Bush** and **His Holiness the Dalai Lama**.

Video Tribute Participants (in alphabetical order):
**Arthur Brooks**, president of the American Enterprise Institute
**Victor Chan**, founder of the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education, and his daughter, **Kira Chan**
**Priyanka Chopra**, Indian film actress and singer, winner of 2000 Miss World pageant
**Richard Davidson**, board member of the Mind and Life Institute
**Hon. Dianne Feinstein**, senior United States Senator from California
**Daniel Goleman**, author, psychologist, and science journalist. Former writer for *The New York Times*
**Pico Iyer**, British-born essayist and novelist
**Hon.  Nancy Pelosi**, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives for the
        114th Congress

The 27th annual Liberty Medal Ceremony will take place rain or shine at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 26, 2015,** at the National Constitution Center on Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. The event will also be taped for broadcast on local ABC affiliate, WPVI-TV/6abc.

About the Liberty Medal
The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Given annually, the medal honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe. For more information, visit constititutioncenter.org/libertymedal.

About the National Constitution Center
The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia inspires active citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a non-partisan basis."  As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits.  As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution.  For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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