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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES ANNE SPECTOR AS PENNCORD PROJECT MANAGER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (March 14, 2006) – **Anne Spector** has joined the National Constitution Center as PennCORD Project Manager. The Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD) is a unique union of educational, advocacy, and governmental organizations that are committed to improving civic learning for students in grades K through 12. Prior to joining the Center, Spector served the Cheltenham School District for 17 years as both an educator and an administrator.

“We are very pleased to have Anne affiliated with the Center,” says President and CEO Richard Stengel. “Her enthusiasm for increasing the role of civic education within the school system and her passion for helping children become active and engaged citizens will make her a great asset for the PennCORD program and the National Constitution Center.”

As Project Manager, Spector will oversee PennCORD’s primary mission to re-invigorate civic and citizenship education in grades K through 12 for all schools across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her new responsibilities include organizing workshops and meetings for key stakeholders; overseeing the development and design of a Student Advocacy Kit and Community Advocacy Kit; and working closely with PennCORD pilot schools to try new programs and share successful programs already implemented in their school districts.

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During her tenure in the Cheltenham School District, Spector served as Assistant to the Superintendent for Gifted and Support Programs, and also as Grant Development Specialist, earning over two million dollars for the district. Prior to her administrative roles, she spent 11 years as an English teacher, reading specialist, and Gifted Teacher/Coordinator for grades K through 8.

She is the writer and editor of the “Lets Take Two” series, a year-long conflict resolution program for students in grades K through 6, and the writer and editor of *JETS*, Justice Education Training Strategies, for grades K through 4. In addition to her new role as PennCORD Project Manager, she is a consultant for Philadelphia Reads, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving literary awareness, and Foundations, Inc., an educational technical assistance center. She is also a Curriculum Development Fellow with LEAP Kids, Inc., a non-profit organization that focuses on law related education. Spector has presented at numerous workshops and served as a lecturer for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Spector’s educational background includes a master’s degree in education from Arcadia University, where she is now an adjunct professor, and an undergraduate degree from Goucher College. She received her teacher certification from St. Joseph’s University and elementary and secondary principal certification from Widener University. Of her numerous career accomplishments, Spector is most proud that she was given the opportunity to teach at every grade level, from kindergarten through third year law students. She resides in Philadelphia with her husband, Walter.

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,

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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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