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**HOMETOWN SPORTS HEROES HONORED
IN *LOCAL LEGENDS* EXHIBIT
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

A supplement to the Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers exhibition

Philadelphia, PA - From Phillies games to the Penn Relays, the Army/Navy game to the Dad Vail Regatta, sports are as much a part of Philadelphia as cheesesteaks and soft pretzels. The National Constitution Center will pay tribute to local sports heroes and record breakers in *Local Legends*, a special National Constitution Center supplement to the ***Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers*** exhibition, on display from May 26, 2006 through August 20, 2006.

Local Legends focuses on hometown heroes who have made a difference in the Philadelphia sports community. These athletes have not only broken barriers and shattered records, but have also made an impact on our lives. The exhibit includes a variety of artifacts, images, and memorabilia from some of the biggest names in Philadelphia sports history, including Wilt Chamberlain, Bobby Clarke, Joe Frazier, Tug McGraw, and Vince Papale.

Visitors will have the rare opportunity to see such items as Garry Maddox's 1983 home uniform with a Phillies centennial patch, a signed hockey stick from Ron Hextall, Dawn Staley's Olympic uniform, Joe Verdeur's Olympic gold medal, a uniform from the Immaculata Mighty Macs basketball team, a turnstile and ticket box from the Palestra Stadium, and much more. Visitors will also learn the triumphant stories of the highly successful South Philadelphia Hebrew Association basketball team, Chuck Bednarik's

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game-securing tackle on Frank Gifford, and Vince Papale's rise from unknown coach to walk-on football star. They can also explore a display of legendary sports covers from the archives of the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers was developed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). Audi is the exclusive national sponsor of the exhibition.

The Constitution Center's showing of the *Sports* exhibit is sponsored in part by the *Philadelphia Daily News*. The *Daily News* has a longstanding tradition for excellent sports coverage by an award-winning staff. *Daily News* sports writers also are seen each weekday on *Daily News Live* from 5-6:30 p.m. on Comcast SportsNet. The show is currently in its ninth season.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center 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".

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