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MICKEY EDWARDS DISCUSSES CONSERVATISM IN AMERICA AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (April 8, 2008) – On Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., **Mickey Edwards**, a leading figure in the American conservative movement, will discuss the essence of conservatism in America at the National Constitution Center. This event is part of the Center's *Election '08: The Power of We* series. Admission is \$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.

In his new book, *Reclaiming Conservatism: How a Great American Political Movement Got Lost—And How It Can Find Its Way Back*, Edwards argues that conservatives have abandoned their founding principles of individual and civil liberties, and by doing so, threatened our constitutional system of government. He contends that once, conservatives fought to protect citizens from government intrusion; today, however, he argues that they seem to recognize few limits on what government can do.

Mickey Edwards was a member of Congress for sixteen years and chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee. He has taught at Harvard and Georgetown, and is now on the faculty of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a vice president of the Aspen Institute. Edwards has been a regular columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*, and a weekly commentator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered".

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A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The National Constitution Center is celebrating the election season with an exciting, year long series, *Election '08: The Power of We*, which is designed to promote voting during the presidential election and active citizenship every day.

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, 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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