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**IRA LUBERT, CITIZENS BANK LEAD SUPPORT FOR
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S
2010 LIBERTY MEDAL AWARD**

Philadelphia, PA (August 24, 2010) – The National Constitution Center announced today that **Ira Lubert of Independence Capital Partners** will sponsor the Liberty Medal award in 2010, underwriting the \$100,000 cash prize awarded to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Mr. Lubert has sponsored the award for the past two years. For the fifth consecutive year, **Citizens Bank** will serve as the presenting sponsor for the President's Reception prior to the Liberty Medal ceremony. Christopher Bruner, Managing Partner of Ernst & Young; Steven M. Galbraith, Partner of Maverick Capital; and William R. Sasso, Chairman of Stradley Ronon, are co-chairs of the 2010 Liberty Medal Gala, leading the committee in charge of generating support for the event.

"We are honored and grateful for the partnership of these community leaders," said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. "Their contributions heighten the impact of the Liberty Medal, as we share the stories of men and women who have dedicated their lives to securing the blessings of liberty to people around the world."

"Independence Capital Partners is proud to continue its support of the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal award," said Ira Lubert, Founder of Independence Capital Partners. "This important event shines a light on men and women who have worked to advance the cause of liberty, and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is another worthy recipient of this prestigious award."

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“Tony Blair's service – as both a public servant and in the private arena – typifies the kind of leadership and foresight the Liberty Medal is designed to honor,” said Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, President and CEO for Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. “Citizens Bank is pleased to help the National Constitution Center and Greater Philadelphia recognize Blair's efforts to promote peace and democracy.”

About the Liberty Medal

The 2010 Liberty Medal will be awarded to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair in recognition of his steadfast commitment to conflict resolution. Former Prime Minister Blair played a critical role in advancing peace in Northern Ireland during his tenure as British prime minister. Throughout the grueling negotiation process that preceded the historic Good Friday Accord, he displayed unwavering determination to settle the generations-long conflict. Since leaving government, former Prime Minister Blair has continued to facilitate productive dialogue between diverse groups, as Quartet Representative to the Middle East for the United Nations and through the Tony Blair Faith Foundation.

The public ceremony will take place on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WPVI-TV/6abc and webcast live on www.6abc.com.

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.

The Liberty Medal is also supported by the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

About Independence Capital Partners

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Citizens Financial Group, through its subsidiaries, has more than 1,500 branches and approximately 3,500 ATMs, and approximately 22,700 employees. CFG's two bank subsidiaries are RBS Citizens, N.A. and Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. They operate a 12-state branch network under the Citizens Bank brand in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and the Charter One brand in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. CFG has non-branch retail and commercial offices in about 40 states. CFG is owned by RBS (The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc). CFG's Web site is citizensbank.com.

About the National Constitution Center

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.