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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK MURPHY DISCUSSES HIS RISE TO CONGRESS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (January 28, 2008) - The National Constitution Center welcomes U.S. Representative **Patrick J. Murphy**, the first Iraq War veteran to be elected to the United States Congress, to discuss his new book, *Taking the Hill: From Philly to Baghdad to the United States Congress*, on Monday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is FREE, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In *Taking the Hill*, Murphy talks about his family and his belief that the American dream is still within reach. Murphy stresses the joy and necessity he feels to serve others, including family, students, community, fellow soldiers, and the nation.

Patrick J. Murphy represents Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional district. The Irish American son of a Philadelphia policeman, Murphy grew to become a community college student and then an army officer, lawyer, and the youngest professor at West Point. He served in Iraq as a captain in the elite 82nd Airborne "All-Americans" where he earned a Bronze Star for service and successfully prosecuted one of Muqtada al-Sadr's top lieutenants. Returning from Iraq, Murphy, a political novice, narrowly defeated freshman Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick in one of the nation's most closely watched races in 2006.

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Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky will moderate the event. Margolies-Mezvinsky is a professor at the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania and the chair of Women's Campaign International, a group that provides advocacy training for women throughout the world. She served as a Member of Congress for the 13th District of Pennsylvania, was Chair of the National Women's Business Council, and led the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a CBS News Foundation Fellow at Columbia University.

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

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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