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## LOST HEROES ART QUILT ON DISPLAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

*Display to coincide with Veteran's Day celebration*

Philadelphia, PA (October 23, 2009) – Artist Julie Feingold's **Lost Heroes Art Quilt**, a moving tribute to the American soldiers who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, will be on display in the Grand Hall Lobby of the National Constitution Center from October 27 through November 12, 2009, to coincide with the Center's Veteran's Day celebration.

A 5 ½ -ft. by 15-ft. homage to the courageous men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation, the Lost Heroes Art Quilt was created by Feingold over a two-year period as a non-political work. The quilt bears the message, "Without a witness, they will disappear," which serves as a reminder to never forget those who sacrificed their lives for our country.

The quilt features 82 fallen heroes – 50 in the central quilt, representing each state, and 32 around the border. Photographs of the soldiers as children are accompanied by descriptions of their personalities, interests, and hopes, in order to honor their sacrifices and memorialize their lives. Feingold collaborated with Gold Star Mothers and family members of the fallen heroes as she threaded their powerful stories and images onto the quilt.

A statement at the bottom of the quilt describes the overall theme of the work: "These extraordinary people decide to risk all for the benefit of the greater society...and some make the ultimate sacrifice. Look upon the faces of the individuals presented here and see the youthful face of valor. Take just one name with you today and remember it, so that our heroes are not forgotten."

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## ADD ONE/LOST HEROES ART QUILT

The quilt is displayed in a hand-carved wooden stand created by 9/11 memorial artist Michael Scarborough.

The Lost Heroes Art Quilt began its national tour on September 27, 2009, at the Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of many of our nation's war heroes. More information is available at [www.lostheroesartquilt.org](http://www.lostheroesartquilt.org).

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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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