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The American Revolution Center and The College of Physicians of Philadelphia Co-Sponsor Lecture Exploring Life of Benjamin Rush

November 29, 2010, Philadelphia, PA—On Tuesday, November 30, The American Revolution Center and The College of Physicians of Philadelphia are co-sponsoring a lecture to be held at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, exploring the life of Benjamin Rush. Dr. William Durden, Ph.D., President of Dickinson College, will be the guest speaker. The lecture is supported by a grant from the Richard Lounsbury Foundation.

Dr. Durden's talk, titled, *Dr. Benjamin Rush's Republican Education: A Revolutionary Commitment without Expiration Date*, will explore Rush's life as a physician, abolitionist, educator and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Steeped in the Enlightenment ideas that shaped Revolutionary-era America and France, Rush warned his countrymen about the "unfinished business" that would require the wisdom and vigilance of an educated and engaged citizenry to overcome. Rush considered the War of American Independence (1775-1783) to be merely the "first act of the great drama" in an ongoing experiment in self-government that was the real American Revolution.

The lecture will take place at 6:30 p.m. at The College of Physicians, 19 South 22nd Street in Philadelphia. To register for this event that is free and open to the public, please visit www.CollegeofPhysicians.org.

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About The American Revolution Center

The American Revolution Center is a non-partisan, not-for-profit (501(c)(3) organization dedicated to engaging the public in the history and enduring legacy of the American Revolution. The Center owns a distinguished collection of objects, artifacts and manuscripts, and is working to establish a living memorial to the American Revolution—*The Museum of the American Revolution*. For more information, please visit www.AmericanRevolutionCenter.org or call toll free, 877-740-1776.

About The College of Physicians of Philadelphia

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the oldest professional medical organization in the country, was founded in 1787 when 24 physicians gathered "to advance the science of medicine and to thereby lessen human misery." Today, over 1,400 Fellows (elected members) continue to convene at the College and work towards better serving the public.

Throughout its 200 year history, the College has provided a place for both medical professionals and the general public to learn about medicine as both a science and an art. This historic spirit continues in our current mission: "advancing the cause of health while upholding the ideals and heritage of medicine." The College strives to:

- Enable individuals, families and communities to take greater responsibility for their health.
- Improve the health of the public through service to health professionals.
- Enhance appreciation of the heritage of medicine.
- Provide information for the development of health policy.

The College is home to the Mütter Museum and the Historical Medical Library. Our outreach programs include PhillyHealthInfo.org, an online health information, resource and educational program serving the Delaware Valley, the C. Everett Koop Community Education Center, The History of Vaccines, and the Karabots Junior Fellows Program. The public is invited to attend the many lectures, workshops, and conferences the College offers. Our programs reflect our reverence for the past, our commitment to the present, and our vision for the future of medicine and health. Additional information about The College of Physicians of Philadelphia can be found at www.CollegeofPhysicians.org.