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More than 200 Guests Expected at American Visions of Liberty & Freedom Preview Party

WHO: The Charlotte Museum of History (www.charlottemuseum.org)

WHAT: “American Visions of Liberty & Freedom” Exhibit Opening & Preview Party

WHEN: Preview Party- Friday, February 3
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
(Media is welcome to attend. Not open to the public)

Exhibit Opening- Saturday, February 4
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Open to the public)

WHERE: The Charlotte Museum of History
3500 Shamrock Road

The preview party is not open to the public, but the media is welcome to attend the event where guests can tour the exhibit at their leisure. Event highlights include: musicians, hors d’oeuvres and costumed figures – such as Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty – walking throughout the party. The Freedom Bell will ring on the half hour.

Saturday, February 4 marks the opening day of “American Visions of Liberty & Freedom” and will include guided exhibit tours at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. These tours will focus on the African American significance in the exhibit in commemoration of Black History Month in February. In addition, the Hands on History room will be open to guests, and will feature activities related to the exhibit.

“American Visions of Liberty & Freedom,” which will remain at the Museum until May 28, 2006, is a traveling exhibit that was organized by the Virginia Historical Society and shows how generations of Americans, from Revolutionary times to the present, have drawn, carved, and quilted symbols to represent their sometimes conflicting definitions of liberty and freedom. “American Visions of Liberty & Freedom” depicts the stories behind the symbols.

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