



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Naturalize 27 New Citizenship Candidates During Fourth of July Celebration On-Board the USS Constitution

BOSTON, Mass. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will present 27 candidates for citizenship to the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts. The Honorable Nancy Gertner, United States District Court Judge, will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony on board the USS Constitution. The naturalization ceremony is being held in honor of the Fourth of July.

The 27 citizenship candidates originate from the following 20 countries: Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Peoples Republic of China, France, Guyana, India, Ireland, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and United Kingdom.

This ceremony is part of USCIS's annual celebration of Independence Day. An estimated 3,800 candidates will become citizens at 55 special ceremonies held around the world from July 1-6.

WHO: The Honorable Nancy Gertner, United States District Court Judge
Denis Riordan, USCIS District Director

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: USS Constituion
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Charlestown, MA 02129

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NOTE: Media partners planning to attend must RSVP with USS Constitution Office of Public Affairs at 617-799-8198 or Constitution.pao@navy.mil for shipside arrangements