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USCIS HOLDS WHITE HOUSE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

DHS Acting Deputy Secretary Schneider, USCIS Director Gonzalez Welcome New Citizens

WASHINGTON — USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez welcomed America’s 25 newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building today. Director Gonzalez also presented four prominent, naturalized U.S. citizens with the “American by Choice” (ABC) certificate of recognition. Department of Homeland Security Acting Deputy Secretary Paul Schneider and other senior officials were present to congratulate both the new citizens and the ABC recipients.

The American by Choice recipients were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions in civic participation, professional achievement, and responsible citizenship. Each recipient of this honor has also demonstrated their commitment to this nation and to the common civic values that unite all Americans.

Those honored with the recognition include: U.S. Congressman, Albio Sires; U.S. Army Major General (retired), John L. Fugh; Science Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Anh Duong; and Vice President of Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts, Duncan Wardle. The recipients are originally from Cuba, China, Vietnam, and the United Kingdom, respectively.

The 25 Americans naturalized today are originally from: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, China, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Iraq, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic, United Kingdom, and Venezuela.

During Fiscal Year 2007, USCIS welcomed more than 650,000 new citizens during naturalization ceremonies throughout the United States and around the world for U.S. military personnel.

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Picture caption

DHS Acting Deputy Secretary Schneider, USCIS Director Gonzalez pose with Anh Duong, one of four presented with the “American by Choice” recognition.