



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 34 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at Iowa Cubs Baseball Game

DES MOINES, Iowa — Thirty-four new U.S. citizens will take the [*Oath of Allegiance*](#) during a special naturalization ceremony at the Iowa Cubs game on July 4. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The Honorable Robert Pratt, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, will preside over the ceremony. Michael Gartner, owner of the Iowa Cubs minor league baseball team, will give remarks. The honorary first pitch of the game will be thrown out by one of the new citizens, Gary Eyles, director of coaching for the Ames Soccer Club.

The 34 citizenship candidates originate from the following 17 countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, El Salvador, India, Iraq, Kosovo, Laos, Liberia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Sudan, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

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 across the country and around the world from July 1-6.

WHO: Honorable Robert Pratt, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa
Michael Gartner, Owner, Iowa Cubs

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Principal Park
One Line Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

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