

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN BY CHOICE RECOGNITION

2006-2007 Recipients

Established by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Emilio T. González in January 2006, the **Outstanding American by Choice** initiative recognizes the significant contributions and achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens. Through civic participation, professional achievement, and responsible citizenship, recipients of this honor have demonstrated their commitment to this country and to the common civic values that unite us all as Americans.



Dina Powell
Director of Global Corporate Engagement, Goldman Sachs

Katja Bullock
Special Assistant to the President, The White House

Kiran Patel
Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Patel Foundation for Global Understanding

Vartan Gregorian
President, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Emilio T. González
Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Carlos Gutierrez
Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce

Tze Ng
Leader and Deacon, Chinese Christian Church

Marina Belotserkovsky
Director of Russian Communications and Community Outreach, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Anna Prager
Civic Leader

Van Thai
Captain, U.S. Air Force

Farooq Kathwari
Chairman, President, and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors

Jose Martinez
U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

Caitriona Lyons
Refugee Program Coordinator, State of Texas

Guarione Diaz
President and CEO, Cuban American National Council

Renu Khator
Chancellor and President, University of Houston

John Timoney
Chief of Police, Miami Police Department

Indra Nooyi
Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo

Antonio Taguba
Major General, U.S. Army (ret.)

Tom Lantos
U.S. House of Representatives (CA-12)

Rasul Alsali
Captain, U.S. Air Force

Josefina Carbonell
Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Mitzi Robinson
Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Coast Guard

Emilio Estefan
Musician, Producer and Entrepreneur
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Abida Shoyeb
Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army

Tom Lantos
U.S. House of Representatives (CA-12)

Gepsie Metellus
Executive Director, Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center

Alejandro Monteverde
Filmmaker

Manuel Dominguez
Major, U.S. Air Force

Fang Wong
Special Operations Specialist with L3 Communications, ILEX Systems

Samuel Saldívar
Professor Emeritus, U.S. Military Academy at West Point

Franklin Chang Díaz
Astronaut, Rocket Scientist, Chairman and CEO, Ad Astra Rocket Company

Zalmay Khalilzad
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

John Shalikhvili
Former General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army (ret.)

Ricardo Ernst
Professor, Georgetown University

Manuel Dominguez
Major, U.S. Air Force

Carlos de Cespedes
Chairman and CEO, Pharmed Group Corp.

Gloria Estefan
Singer and Songwriter

Cristina Beato
Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization

Mel Martínez
U.S. Senate (Florida)

Miguel Orozco
Community Leader

Clementine Msengi
Founder and Executive Director, Bright Move Network

Eduardo Padrón
President, Miami Dade College



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