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News Release

DHS Secretary Chertoff and USCIS Director Gonzalez Welcome Newest U.S. Citizens at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

WASHINGTON - On March 12, 2007, DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff and USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez participated in a naturalization ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Army Specialist Eduardo Garcia-Gonzalez, Specialist Angel Regalado-Contreras, Private First Class Diwishnicka Randolph, and Marine Lance Corporal Carlos Lopes, were administered the oath of naturalization in an inspiring ceremony.

Director Gonzalez gave welcoming remarks and introduced Secretary Chertoff who gave the Oath of Allegiance to the new citizens. In his congratulatory remarks, Secretary Chertoff stated, "Before you became citizens of this nation, you courageously stepped forward to defend her. You have proved yourselves willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for this country-and on behalf of the President and a grateful nation; I thank you for your brave service."

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