



# News Release

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## **USCIS Holds Naturalization Ceremony at the National Museum of American History**

**WASHINGTON**—President and Mrs. George W. Bush were among the distinguished guests who witnessed the swearing in of America’s five newest citizens today during a special naturalization ceremony at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.

The museum will officially reopen its doors to the public Nov. 21, after a two-year renovation, providing a new look at the almost 200-year-old Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired our national anthem.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Acting Director Jonathan Scharfen administered the *[Oath of Allegiance](#)* to the new citizens, one of whom is a U.S. Marine. USCIS’ Washington District Director Sarah T. Taylor also participated in the ceremony.

“It is a sincere honor for me to be a part of this special ceremony,” said Scharfen. “Now, you join a long line of immigrants who have forged our national identity through ingenuity and dedication, while forming the ideal of the American dream.”

The five Americans naturalized today are originally from France, Germany, Guyana, Lebanon, and Peru. For more information on USCIS and its programs and services, visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

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