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25 ADOPTED CHILDREN CELEBRATE CITIZENSHIP AT “THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Twenty-five children representing 9-countries are now among the newest American citizens. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) held a special ceremony for the newly adopted children at the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus at the DC National Guard Armory, Wednesday April 7th. Known as an American tradition for children of all ages, “the Greatest Show On Earth” served as an entertaining venue to celebrate the children’s U.S. Citizenship.



“What better way to celebrate citizenship for children than at the circus! Each year, the children and their families have enjoyed this exhilarating ceremony”, said Phyllis Howard, Washington District Director of USCIS. Ms. Howard joined the stars of the show including the Ring Master - who kicked off the event by singing the National Anthem - in honoring these new U.S. citizens and their families.

The 8th annual ceremony promised and delivered adventure and magic for the children who were recognized individually and by country of origin. Countries represented included: China, Colombia, Guatemala, India, Poland, Vietnam, Russia, South Africa, and The Ukraine.



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