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USCIS WELCOMES MORE THAN 6,000 NEW CITIZENS *Miami Ceremonies Celebrate American Citizenship*

MIAMI – More than 6,000 men and women today became America’s newest citizens during two naturalization ceremonies at the Miami Beach Convention Center. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Emilio Gonzalez presided during the ceremonies.

After administering the Oath of Allegiance, Director Gonzalez addressed the new citizens, “You have an obligation, a duty, to contribute to the future prosperity of this nation. Today you are Americans. Do not take this privilege for granted. Take advantage of the rights you have earned and make a difference in your communities as our newest citizens.”

Each year, USCIS welcomes more than 700,000 new citizens. That number includes nearly 7,000 members of the military who naturalize both in the U.S. and abroad through an expedited process stemming from their military service. Information about the citizenship process is available online at: <http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>.

USCIS is also piloting a test version of the naturalization exam to volunteer citizenship applicants in Miami and nine other areas across the country. During the trial period, volunteer applicants who choose to take the pilot exam can immediately take the current test if they incorrectly answer a pilot question. USCIS provides volunteers with advance study materials, including the questions and answers for the U.S. history and civics portion of the pilot exam, as well as vocabulary lists to practice for the English reading and writing portions of the pilot. Study materials for the pilot exam are also available on the USCIS web site at: <http://www.uscis.gov/natzpilot>.

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