



Media Advisory

June 25, 2010

USCIS to Welcome 76 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebrations

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will administer the [*Oath of Allegiance*](#) to 76 candidates who will become America's newest citizens during two special naturalization ceremonies. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

On Friday, July 2, 53 people originating from 23 countries will become U.S. citizens at the USCIS Memphis Field Office at 2 p.m. On Saturday, July 3, 23 people from the following 14 countries will become U.S. citizens before the Memphis Redbirds baseball game: China, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, India, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Yemen. Commander Roy Harrison, Director of Diversity, Navy Recruiting Command will be the keynote speaker.

This ceremony is part of USCIS's annual celebration of Independence Day. An estimated 3,800 candidates will become citizens at 55 special ceremonies held across the country and around the world from July 1-6.

WHO:		Commander Roy Harrison, Director of Diversity, Navy Recruiting Command
WHEN:	Friday, July 2, 2010, 2 p.m.	Saturday, July 3, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
WHERE:	USCIS Memphis Office 842 Virginia Run Cove Memphis, TN	AutoZone Park 175 Toyota Plaza Memphis, TN
CONTACT:	Sharon Scheidhauer, Public Affairs Officer, sharon.scheidhauer@dhs.gov , 407-237-8837 or 202-215-1227 (cell)	
NOTE:	For planning purposes, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to Sharon Scheidhauer at the contact above by close of business July 1. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to start of ceremony.	