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USCIS to Welcome 86 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration Aboard the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will welcome America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony aboard the USS Lexington. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The Honorable Janis Graham Jack, U.S. District Judge will administer the <u>Oath of Allegiance</u>, and U.S. Senator John Cornyn will deliver the keynote address.

The 86 citizenship candidates originate from the following 25 countries: Argentina; Bosnia-Herzegovina; Canada; The People's Republic of China; Dominican Republic; Egypt; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; India; Japan; Mexico; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Panama; Pakistan; Philippines; Poland; Russia; South Africa; South Korea; United Kingdom; Uruguay; Venezuela and Vietnam.

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: The Honorable Amos Mazzant, U.S. Magistrate Judge

John Cornyn, U.S. Senator

Felix Velazquez, Senior Immigration Services Officer

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: USS Lexington Museum

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