



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 101 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at George Washington's Mount Vernon

WASHINGTON — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) District Director Sarah T. Taylor will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.

Honored guests and speakers include Mount Vernon Ladies Association's Vice Regent for Virginia Lisa Moore, Sons of the American Revolution's George Washington Chapter President Robert Carr, and Mount Vernon's President and CEO James Rees.

The 101 citizenship candidates originate from the following 45 countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Liberia, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, and United Kingdom.

This ceremony is part of USCIS's annual celebration of Independence Day. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence." 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: Sarah T. Taylor, District Director, USCIS
James Rees, President, Mount Vernon
Lisa Moore, Virginia Vice Regent, Mount Vernon Ladies Association
Robert Carr, George Washington Chapter President, Sons of the American Revolution

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Robert H. and Clarice Smith Auditorium
George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens
Mount Vernon, VA

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NOTE: Media must RSVP by Friday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m. at Luz.Irazabal@dhs.gov.