

# OUTSTANDING AMERICAN BY CHOICE RECOGNITION

## 2006-2007 Recipients

Established by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Emilio T. González in January 2006, the **Outstanding American by Choice** initiative recognizes the significant contributions and achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens. Through civic participation, professional achievement, and responsible citizenship, recipients of this honor have demonstrated their commitment to this country and to the common civic values that unite us all as Americans.

**Dina Powell**  
Director of Global Corporate Engagement, Goldman Sachs

**Katja Bullock**  
Special Assistant to the President, The White House

**Marina Belotserkovsky**  
Director of Russian Communications and Community Outreach, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

**Renu Khator**  
Chancellor and President, University of Houston

**Fang Wong**  
Special Operations Specialist with L3 Communications, ILEX Systems

**Carlos de Cespedes**  
Chairman and CEO, Pharmed Group Corp.

**Gloria Estefan**  
Singer and Songwriter

**Kiran Patel**  
Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Patel Foundation for Global Understanding

**Van Thai**  
Captain, U.S. Air Force

**Anna Prager**  
Civic Leader

**Indra Nooyi**  
Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo

**John Timoney**  
Chief of Police, Miami Police Department

**Mitzi Robinson**  
Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Coast Guard

**José Betancourt**  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret.)

**Samuel Saldívar**  
Professor Emeritus, U.S. Military Academy at West Point

**Cristina Beato**  
Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization

**Emilio T. González**  
Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**Vartan Gregorian**  
President, Carnegie Corporation of New York

**Farooq Kathwari**  
Chairman, President, and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors

**Antonio Taguba**  
Major General, U.S. Army (ret.)

**Emilio Estefan**  
Musician, Producer and Entrepreneur  
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**Franklin Chang Díaz**  
Astronaut, Rocket Scientist, Chairman and CEO, Ad Astra Rocket Company

**M.J. Khan**  
Houston City Council

**Carlos Gutierrez**  
Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce

**Manuel Diaz**  
Mayor, City of Miami

**Guarione Diaz**  
President and CEO, Cuban American National Council

**Rasul Alsalih**  
Captain, U.S. Air Force

**Alejandro Monteverde**  
Filmmaker

**Manuel Dominguez**  
Major, U.S. Air Force

**Ricardo Ernst**  
Professor, Georgetown University

**Jose Martinez**  
U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida

**Tom Lantos**  
U.S. House of Representatives (CA-12)

**Gepsie Metellus**  
Executive Director, Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center

**Oluwasina Awolusi**  
Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force

**Ricardo Ernst**  
Professor, Georgetown University

**John Shalikhvili**  
Former General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army (ret.)

**Miguel Orozco**  
Community Leader

**Mel Martínez**  
U.S. Senate (Florida)

**Guillermo Linares**  
Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York City

**Anne O'Callaghan**  
Executive Director, Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians

**Tze Ng**  
Leader and Deacon, Chinese Christian Church

**Luis Glaser**  
Professor of Biology and Special Assistant to the President, University of Miami

**Josefina Carbonell**  
Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Alfonso Martínez-Fonts, Jr.**  
Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Peter Schramm**  
Executive Director, John M. Ashbrook Center, and Professor, Ashland University

**Eduardo Padrón**  
President, Miami Dade College

**Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.**  
U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra



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