



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 153 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at Fort Johnston in Southport, N.C.

SOUTHPORT, N.C. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Atlanta District Director Denise Frazier will administer the [*Oath of Allegiance*](#) to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at historic Fort Johnston in Southport, N.C. Until 2006, Fort Johnston had served for 250 years as the United States' oldest active-duty fort.

Gale Rossides, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, will be the guest speaker at the ceremony while Wilmington, N.C. Mayor Bill Saffo will deliver the keynote address. The Honorable Robert B. Jones, Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will also deliver congratulatory remarks.

The 153 citizenship candidates originate from the following 52 countries: Mexico; India; Colombia; Philippines; China; Vietnam; El Salvador; Nigeria; Poland; Russia; Canada; Morocco; Honduras; Jamaica; Kenya; Sierra Leone; United Kingdom; Brazil; Ghana; Jordan; Pakistan; Sweden; Thailand; Angola; Australia; Bangladesh; Burma; Cameroon; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Ethiopia; Finland; Germany; Greece; Haiti; Hungary; Iran; Ireland; Italy; Kuwait; Lebanon; Liberia; Netherlands; Peru; South Africa; South Korea; The Gambia; U.S.S.R.; Yemen; Zimbabwe; and Guinea.

More than 24,000 candidates will become citizens at approximately 350 ceremonies held across the country and around the world from June 27 to July 4.

WHO: Gale Rossides, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, DHS
Denise Frazier, Atlanta District Director, USCIS
Mayor Bill Saffo, Wilmington, N.C.
The Honorable Robert B. Jones, Magistrate Judge

WHEN: Sunday, July 3, 2011, 4 p.m.

WHERE: Garrison Lawn at Fort Johnston, Southport, North Carolina

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