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USCIS to Welcome 50 New Citizens Aboard Battleship USS Iowa Museum in Honor of Independence Day

LOS ANGELES— U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will welcome 50 new U.S. citizens during two special ceremonies aboard the Battleship USS Iowa Museum on Thursday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla Padilla (D-Calif.), Chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and Border Safety, will provide keynote remarks to new U.S. citizens during the 9 a.m. ceremony, while USCIS Chief Counsel A. Ashley Tabaddor will deliver keynote remarks at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Battleship USS Iowa Museum Chair of the President's Advisory Board Bruce DD MacRae and USCIS Los Angeles District Director Anna Chau will provide welcoming remarks during both ceremonies.

The soon-to-be new U.S. citizens hail from the following 25 countries: Argentina, Armenia, Belize, Brazil, Canada, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Honduras, Italy, Israel, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Saint Lucia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and Venezuela.

USCIS is holding Independence Day-themed naturalization ceremonies across the country in honor of the holiday.

USCIS naturalized approximately 625,000 people in fiscal year 2020.

We invite new citizens and their families and friends to share their experiences and photos from the ceremonies on social media using the hashtags #NewUSCitizen, #4thofJuly and #IndependenceDay.

WHEN: Thursday, July 1, 9 & 11 a.m.

WHERE: Battleship USS Iowa Museum
250 S Harbor Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90731



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NOTES: For planning purposes, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to Ken Hagihara and Claire Nicholson at the contact information above by 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 30.

The first hour of parking at the ship is free, each additional hour is \$2. Media may also get early access to the area near the ship in the event that you want to start doing early morning live hits prior to the event.

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