USCIS ISSUES CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION FACTS
Highlights July 4th Week “Celebrate Citizenship, Celebrate America” Naturalization Ceremonies

- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will welcome 18,000 new citizens during July 4th week (June 27-July 7). On the Fourth of July alone, the agency will welcome more than 1,500 new United States citizens at ceremonies across the country.

- Since President George W. Bush signed the Expedited Naturalization Executive Order on July 3, 2002, USCIS has naturalized more than 24,000 service members. In all, more than 35,000 service members have filed for expedited naturalization.

- During fiscal years 2004 and 2005, more than 7,500 and 6,000 service members became United States Citizens, respectively.

- In October 2004, USCIS began hosting the first overseas military naturalization ceremonies since the Korean War. During fiscal year 2005, 1,006 service members became Citizens while serving on active duty outside of the United States.

- There are currently more than 40,000 members of the U.S. military who are eligible to apply for naturalization.

- Approximately 11.3 million naturalized citizens live in the United States.

- Nearly eight million immigrants living in the United States are eligible for naturalization.

- During fiscal year 2005, USCIS welcomed more than 600,000 new citizens.

- Sixty-five percent of all new citizens naturalized during FY 2004 (537,151) call California, New York, Florida, Texas, Illinois, or New Jersey home.

- More than half (fifty-four percent) of all new citizens naturalized during FY 2004 were women.

- Asia is the leading region of birth among persons naturalizing. Forty percent of new citizens naturalized during FY 2004 were born in Asian countries.

- Home to more than 63,830 new citizens, Mexico is the leading country of birth among persons who naturalized during FY 2004.

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• USCIS' Office of Citizenship recently introduced a New Immigrant Orientation Guide, Civics Flash Cards and other free tools to help applicants prepare for citizenship. These materials are available at http://uscis.gov/graphics/citizenship.

• USCIS has also created a web page entitled “Faces of America” which highlights the stories of newly naturalized U.S. citizens at http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/faces.htm

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