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**U.S. District Court, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of the Illinois Secretary of State Host 119 Citizenship Candidates for Special Naturalization Ceremony in Celebration of National Citizenship and Constitution Day**

Chicago, Ill.- On September 17, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State hosted a special Constitution Day naturalization ceremony in Quincy Court, outside Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. One hundred nineteen candidates from 38 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens.

“We are delighted to welcome our newest American citizens on the same day we commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution. Our hope is that together with those citizens born in this land, our naturalized citizens take an active role in helping our nation live up to the ideals enshrined in the Constitution,” said Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall.

U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso, a naturalized citizen, administered the Oath of Allegiance to the new citizens. Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias and Connie Razo, Acting Branch Chief of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, welcomed the new citizens.

The ceremony included a presentation of colors by the Lincoln Park High School JROTC Color Guard and music by the Lincoln Park High School Band.

Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day), is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens.

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