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# Press Release

## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO HOLDS A SPECIAL NATURALIZATION CEREMONY IN COMMEMORATION OF AMERICA 250**

**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (July 8, 2026)** - The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (“the Court”) held a Special Naturalization Ceremony today at the Teatro Raúl Juliá of the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico in San Juan, as part of the Court’s commemoration of America 250.

During the ceremony, twenty-two individuals from seven countries took the Oath of Allegiance and became citizens of the United States. The new citizens represented Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Italy, and Perú.

The ceremony was presided over by Chief U.S. District Judge Raúl M. Arias-Marxuach and attended by judges of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, including U.S. District Judges Aida M. Delgado-Colón, Silvia L. Carreño-Coll, María Antongiorgi-Jordán, and Senior U.S. District Judge Francisco A. Besosa, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Enrique S. Lamoutte, as well as U.S. Magistrate Judge Héctor L. Ramos-Vega.

The Honorable Pablo José Hernández Rivera, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, participated through a prerecorded video message for the new citizens.

The ceremony was part of America 250, the nationwide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Through this event, the Court joined communities across the Nation in celebrating the ideals of liberty, democracy, and equal justice under law.

Naturalization ceremonies are among the judiciary’s most meaningful public functions, welcoming new citizens into the American civic community and reaffirming the principles upon which the Nation was founded.

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