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Mission

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Naturalization Ceremony to be Held at Mount Rushmore National Memorial

The United States District Court of South Dakota will hold a Naturalization Ceremony at Mount Rushmore National Memorial on Thursday, June 4, at 11 am in which approximately 185 people will become new American citizens. The ceremony will be held in the Amphitheater and is sponsored by the Mount Rushmore Society. Chief United States District Judge Jeffrey L. Viken will preside and give remarks.

Representatives of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Homeland Security will participate in the ceremony.

Judge Jeffrey Viken was appointed United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota by President Barack Obama. Judge Viken was sworn in on September 30, 2009. He was born in Huron, SD, and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Dakota. Judge Viken served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota and held the positions of First Assistant and Acting U.S. Attorney. Judge Viken was in private practice for 21 years and came to the bench from the position of Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota. He was elevated to Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota on January 1, 2013. Chief Judge Viken maintains his chambers in Rapid City.

The Dakota Choral Union will perform. In addition, Mount Rushmore National Memorial's Superintendent Cheryl Schreier, the Mount Rushmore Society and students from West Middle School will make special presentations to the new citizens.

Following the ceremony, Pennington County Auditor Julie Pearson will be available for voter registration outside the Carvers Cafe. Registration will be open to all eligible South Dakota voters, not just those from Pennington County.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of citizenship. The ceremony is free. There is an \$11 parking fee per car.

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