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International Black Women's Public Policy Institute (IBWPPI) hailed the announcement President Barack Obama appointed Susan Elizabeth Rice, United States Ambassador for the United Nations, to the position of White House National Security Advisor

Washington DC - Today, the International Black Women's Public Policy Institute (IBWPPI) supports, and celebrates President Barack Obama appointment of Susan Elizabeth Rice, United States Ambassador for the United Nations, to the position of White House National Security Advisor. Ambassador Rice will replace the departing Tom Donilon who the President thanked for a job well done!

Barbara Perkins, President, IBWPPI, who was in attendance at the White House Rose Garden stated, "I'm pleased, this announcement is the result of Ambassador Rice's excellent academic preparation, distinguish career accomplishments, and the outcome of positive prayer."



Ambassador Rice graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University, participated in the Rhodes Scholar program, and achieved a Master's Degree and PhD in International Relations from Oxford University. Ambassador Rice served in senior national security positions, in both public and private employment settings focused on the safety and well-being of Americans.

Most notable national security experiences were with the U.S. Mission to the UN, the State Department and the National Security Council, Assistant Secretary of State and as a member of Presidents Clinton and Obama's White House Cabinet. Ambassador Rice has served as a high ranking member of the National Security staff consequently, making her extremely knowledgeable and versatile in the national security infrastructure.

President Obama's comments in the Rose Garden spoke volumes regarding his confidence in Ambassador Rice, "With her background as a scholar, Susan understands that there is no substitute for American leadership. She is at once passionate and pragmatic. I think everybody understands Susan is a fierce champion for justice and human dignity, but she's also mindful that we have to exercise our power wisely and deliberately."

President Obama recognized Tom Donilon, who is departing this July, for his many years of distinguished public service citing that Tom begun his career at the White House when he was twenty-two years old and has been with my Administration from the first term. Additionally, the President named long-term public servant Samantha Powers, to assume the position vacated by Ambassador Rice at the United Nations. Samantha Powers worked in concert with Ambassador Rice as the White House liaison and expert on the United Nations.

Ambassador Rice, upon acceptance and public announcement of the appointment, thanked the President, family members and members of the Administration she has worked with for many years.

The Leadership and Members of the IBWPPI are proud to acknowledge the professional accomplishments of Ambassador Rice and look forward to providing encouragement for her continued success in service to this country and the President of the United States of America.