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ON TUESDAY, GOV. Nikki Haley asked us all to pray for South Carolina, which has faced and continues to face significant challenges. Today, we all need to pray for Gov. Haley, as she prepares for a very different and very difficult challenge.

There's a lot of distance between Thanksgiving and Ambassador Haley. And there's no guarantee that the Senate, even a Republican Senate, will confirm someone with no foreign policy experience, much less diplomatic experience, as ambassador to the United Nations.

Although it isn't our most important foreign policy position, it is extremely important. And frankly, it's a stretch. For all that President-elect Donald Trump and the governor's supporters say about her deal-making prowess, we've only seen that on display in deals between corporations that wanted to locate in our state and a state that wanted those corporations to locate here.

The challenge she has met, in other words, was coming up with a deal between two parties that wanted to make a deal. That's very different than the challenges facing a UN ambassador. We certainly hope that her talents can translate to this new role, but we simply don't know because she is untested.

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She's absolutely right about that. While there are some positions that a sitting governor probably should reject — positions that are more about allowing a loyal supporter to cash in than about serving the nation — this isn't one of them.

Anyone has an obligation to seriously consider a president's request to serve in an important position, regardless of who the president is or how committed that person might be to her current position.

The governor also said she would remain our governor until her confirmation, in part because "We still have much to do in South Carolina, and my commitment to the people of our state will always remain unbreakable."

That is honorable. But while we would not ask her to resign yet, we would urge her to informally turn many of her responsibilities over to Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, sooner rather than later.

We are accustomed to UN ambassadors who have extensive foreign policy experience, and usually diplomatic experience as well. In the absence of either, Gov. Haley owes it to our nation to spend the time between now and her confirmation doing everything she can to make up for that lack of experience — meeting not just with handlers trained to guide her through the confirmation process but also with experts who can help bring her up to speed on all the issues that need to be mastered by the UN ambassador of the most important country in the world.

The Senate, too, owes it to our nation to make sure that Gov. Haley is prepared — that she has the appropriate temperament, judgment and knowledge base to serve in this position. Confirmation hearings for someone with her experience should not be particularly easy — and that is why she needs the next two months to prepare.

Gov. Haley is a bright and talented politician, and we hope that she will be able to scale the extremely steep learning curve that lies ahead. Assuming she is able to make the Senate comfortable with her ability to serve our nation in this very different sort of job, we wish her all the best in her new position.

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Members of Beaufort County's state legislative delegation responded Wednesday to the nomination of Gov. Nikki Haley for ambassador to the United Nations by President-elect Donald Trump.

"President-elect Trump obviously recognized what the people of South Carolina already know — Nikki Haley is bright, competent and well-respected in all political quarters," Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, said. "She's an excellent choice for UN ambassador."

Davis said the president-elect's choice managed to both elevate a competent female governor to a national position, while also elevating Republican Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, an early Trump supporter.

Haley will remain governor until the U.S. Senate approves her nomination as expected. McMaster, who competed unsuccessfully against Haley in the 2010 GOP gubernatorial primary, is then expected to elevate to the state's

top executive role.

Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston, also praised Haley's nomination.

"I think that this is a great opportunity," Campsen said. "She has risen to the occasion and various circumstances in the state. She doesn't have much foreign policy experience, but she's a quick study and I think she'll do a great job."

On the S.C. House side, Reps. Bill Herbkersman, R-Beaufort; Shannon Erickson, R-Beaufort; and Bill Bowers, D-Hampton, said they support Trump's pick.

"She worked hard for South Carolina, and I think she'll work with the same honor and distinction she did in this state

for the country," Herbkersman said. "I'm sure we'll see Gov. Haley succeed," Erickson said.

"When she puts her mind to something, there is not much that can stand in her way."

"Haley's intellect, her business acumen and her ability to communicate

effectively will serve her well," Bowers said.

'DOMINO EFFECT'

Members of the Beaufort delegation reached Wednesday also said Haley's nomination may significantly alter political-power dynamics in the Statehouse, though they don't expect the agenda of McMaster, assuming he becomes governor, to be a significant departure from Haley's.

"McMaster is a statesman and a gentleman," Erickson said. "We will be left in good hands if he takes the helm and leads the state."

Sen. Campsen, who co-chaired former Gov. Mark Sanford's transition team, said McMaster also will have the benefit of Haley's administration in place.

"There are already people in roles that have been chosen by someone that shares his political views," Campsen said. "(He) can hit the ground running, so I hope that he wouldn't engage in wholesale change."

In the Legislature, however, Haley's nomination will have "a domino effect, that's for sure," Campsen said.

McMaster's expected promotion to governor is raising speculation about his replacement as lieutenant governor. Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, is next in succession for the job, but the 85-year-old could resign as president pro tempore to retain his leadership power as a lawmaker, which includes his chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee, Davis said.

The role of lieutenant governor has much less influence in a state where power lies in the Legislature, Davis said.

"This leaves open the question of who might become president pro tempore," Davis said. "It's a very powerful position that has a big impact on policy."

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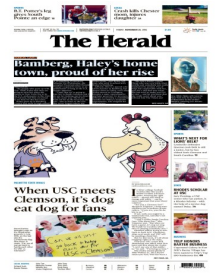
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Gov. Nikki Haley announced Wednesday morning that she had accepted the opportunity to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from President-elect Donald Trump.

Haley will continue to serve as governor until she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will then be elevated to the governorship, in accordance with South Carolina's line of succession.

Haley said it will be "difficult" for her not to finish her second term as governor, but her confidence in the state's accomplishments during her term made her feel comfortable making the leap from Columbia to the U.N.

"I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor. Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything," Haley said in a Wednesday morning statement. "I was moved to

accept this new assignment for two reasons. The first is a sense of duty. When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed. The second is a satisfaction with all that we have achieved in our

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The ambassador to the U.N. represents the United States on the Security Council and in the U.N. General Assembly, often playing a part in negotiating U.N. sanctions and resolutions. The ambassador is also a key advisor within the State Department. Most U.N. ambassadors have had significant foreign policy experience before taking on the role, serving in

the U.S. Congress, State Department or as ambassadors to other nations.

Haley's foreign policy experience is limited. The governor has led multiple trade missions to countries including Germany, India and Sweden during her time in office, and those trade missions were cited by Trump spokesman Jason Miller as qualifications for the ambassadorship in a Wednesday morning press call. Haley's successful negotiations with foreign companies were cited by Trump as another asset.

"She is also a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals," Trump said in a statement. "She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage."

Haley earned praise from many South Carolina politicians, who also cited her international business experience as

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a chief qualifier. Sen. Lindsey Graham also noted Haley being a "strong supporter of the state of Israel" and her understanding of the War on Terror due to her husband's yearlong tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Some South Carolina

Democrats, including state party Chairman Jaime Harrison, criticized Haley as lacking the proper experience for the ambassadorship.

"I congratulate Governor Haley on her appointment as our next Ambassador to the UN. I must note with concern, however, that every single previous U.N. ambassador came to

the job with previous foreign policy experience, which Governor Haley lacks," Harrison said in a statement. "I hope the Governor is a quick study because as one of the nation's top diplomats, she will have the critical task of dealing in real time with virtually every international crisis that arises."

Haley met with Trump last Thursday in his Manhattan office. Until Wednesday's statement, Haley and her staff had not disclosed what Haley and Trump discussed at that meeting. The pair were not political allies during this year's contentious presidential election. Haley endorsed U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio in South

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Haley voted for Trump in the general election, but she said it was based only on his policies compared to those of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. After Trump was elected, Haley told reporters at a meeting of the Republican Governors Association that she was "giddy" at the prospect of governing while a Republican was president.

If Haley is confirmed to the ambassadorship, McMaster, an early high-profile Trump endorser, will become South Carolina's governor, a position he's long sought. McMaster lost the Republican primary to Haley in 2010 and has publicly entertained the idea of running to succeed Haley in 2018. Now, if he decides to run in 2018, he will do so as an incumbent. That could give him an advantage in experience and fundraising ability, said Clemson University professor David Woodard when asked about the possibility last week.

Representative-elect Jason Elliott, a Greenville Republican, said he was looking forward to working with McMaster as governor.

"Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has the experience and skills to effectively lead South Carolina for the next two years," Elliott said. "Lt. Gov. McMaster's prior service as United States attorney, attorney general and lieutenant governor have prepared him to serve as our chief executive."

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman would be next in line for the lieutenant governor's spot, but the role would be a significant step down in legislative influence, as the Florence Republican is also chairman of the finance and interstate cooperation committees. If Leatherman did not want to assume the lieutenant governorship, he could resign from his senate leadership position

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Sen. John Courson, a Richland County Republican, resigned as president pro tempore of the senate in 2014 shortly before then-Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell resigned to become president of the College of Charleston. Sen. Yancey McGill, then a Democrat, was elevated to the lieutenant governorship for a few months before McMaster was elected and inaugurated. After McGill's time as lieutenant governor was up, he switched parties, becoming a Republican and saying he would run for governor in 2018.



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Last Sunday, President-elect Donald Trump met with billionaire investor Wilbur Ross, a leading contender to head the Commerce Department. Ross, 78, is chairman and chief strategy officer of private-equity firm W.L. Ross & Co.

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The people who grew up with South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said they are going to miss her when she moves to New York City to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, but they are proud to see how far she has come.

Haley grew up in Bamberg County and went to high school at Orangeburg Preparatory Schools. On Wednesday, she accepted President-elect Donald Trump's request to serve as an ambassador as long as the U.S. Senate approves.

"I hate that we're going

to lose her in South Carolina, but I do see her looking out for America the same way. She'll also look out for us the best way she can — and as often as she can. She never forgets where she comes from," said Renee Jeffcoat, who went to school with Haley in Bamberg.

Jeffcoat, who is a special education teacher in Bamberg, has stayed close to Haley, even after Haley moved to Lexington, became a state representative and later governor for six years. Jeffcoat is currently a committee member for Haley's nonprofit organization, The Original Six Foundation.

"She was a leader, a good friend who was very loyal, trustworthy and somebody you really wanted to be around. You always felt comfortable with her, and she's still that way today. She just tried to make you feel at ease ... and let you know that she really cared about you," Jeffcoat told The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg.

Bamberg County Councilman Trent Kinard went to school with the governor and said her accomplishments should help children in the county's schools realize they can be anything they want and go anywhere they want in life.

"We're all proud of her honestly, but at the same time, some people will be disappointed that she's going to be unable to finish her term as governor of South Carolina," Kinard said.

Cox Industries CEO Michael Johnson was a high school classmate of Haley, and said he has seen firsthand how hard she works and how fast she analyzes situations. Johnson accepted Haley's request he serve as chairman of the State Workforce Investment Board and vice chairman of the Original Six Foundation.

"She is a quick study and this will serve her well in the extremely fluid ecosystem of global politics," Johnson said. "She thinks about people first, and that has served South Carolina well. She will serve the citizens of the United States well."

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What local legislators are saying about Haley

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Members of Beaufort County's state legislative delegation responded Wednesday to the nomination of Gov. Nikki Haley for ambassador to the United Nations by President-elect Donald Trump.

"President-elect Trump obviously recognized what the people of South Carolina already know — Nikki Haley is bright, competent and well-respected in all political quarters," Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, said. "She's an excellent choice for UN ambassador."

Davis said the president-elect's choice managed to both elevate a competent female governor to a national position, while also elevating Republican Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, an early Trump supporter.

Haley will remain governor until the U.S. Senate approves her nomination as expected. McMaster, who competed unsuccessfully against Haley in the 2010 GOP gubernatorial primary, is then expected to elevate to the state's

top executive role.

Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston, also praised Haley's nomination.

"I think that this is a great opportunity," Campsen said. "She has risen to the occasion and various circumstances in the state. She doesn't have much foreign policy experience, but she's a quick study and I think she'll do a great job."

On the S.C. House side, Reps. Bill Herbkersman, R-Beaufort; Shannon Erickson, R-Beaufort; and Bill Bowers, D-Hampton, said they support Trump's pick.

"She worked hard for South Carolina, and I think she'll work with the same honor and distinction she did in this state for the country," Herbkersman said. "I'm sure we'll see Gov. Haley succeed," Erickson said. "When she puts her mind to something, there is not much that can stand in her way."

"Haley's intellect, her business acumen and her ability to communicate

effectively will serve her well," Bowers said.

'DOMINO EFFECT'

Members of the Beaufort delegation reached Wednesday also said Haley's nomination may significantly alter political-power dynamics in the Statehouse, though they don't expect the agenda of McMaster, assuming he becomes governor, to be a significant departure from Haley's.

"McMaster is a statesman and a gentleman," Erickson said. "We will be left in good hands if he takes the helm and leads the state."

Sen. Campsen, who co-chaired former Gov. Mark Sanford's transition team, said McMaster also will have the benefit of Haley's administration in place.

"There are already people in roles that have been chosen by someone that shares his political views," Campsen said. "(He) can hit the ground running, so I hope that he wouldn't engage in wholesale change."

In the Legislature, however, Haley's nomination will have "a domino effect, that's for sure," Campsen said.

McMaster's expected promotion to governor is raising speculation about his replacement as lieutenant governor. Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, is next in succession for the job, but the 85-year-old could resign as president pro tempore to retain his leadership power as a lawmaker, which includes his chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee, Davis said.

The role of lieutenant governor has much less influence in a state where power lies in the Legislature, Davis said.

"This leaves open the question of who might become president pro tempore," Davis said. "It's a very powerful position that has a big impact on policy."

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