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S.C. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has been tapped to serve as President-elect Donald Trump's U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Trump called Haley, in her second term as governor, 'a proven dealmaker.' Here, a look back in photos at some of Haley's moments in office.

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Gov. Nikki Haley, her family,
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Gov. Nikki Haley speaks to the media and people who came in July of 2015, to witness the signing of the bill to remove the Confederate flag from the State House grounds during a news conference in the State House.

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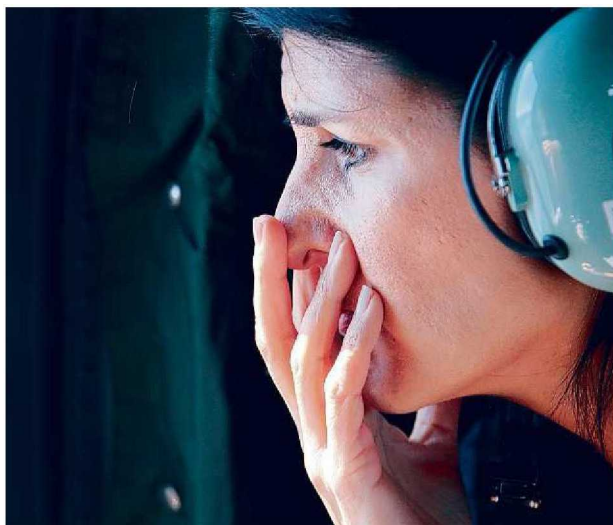
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Republican candidate for governor Nikki Haley is joined by her husband, Michael, daughter, Rena and son, Nalin as she celebrates her 2010 victory at the Columbia Metropolitan Center.



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Gov. Nikki Haley assesses flood damage in Horry County from a United States Army helicopter last year.

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Hugh Weathers, SC Commissioner of Agriculture, John Pendarvis, Gov. Nikki Haley, and Harry Ott, state director for the federal Farm Service Agency toured the Pendarvis farm in Harleyville last year to view crop damage from excessive rainfall.

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First Gentleman Michael Haley said his goodbyes to his wife, Gov. Nikki Haley, their son Nalin, 10, and daughter Rena, 14, and other family members as he prepared to deploy for Afghanistan in 2013 with other members of his agriculture training group.

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Gov. Nikki Haley, middle, adjusts her hard hat as she prepares to take part in the South Carolina Inland Port groundbreaking in 2013. More than 200 port users, stakeholders, community leaders and elected officials came together to break ground on the new site.



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A U.N. post won't be an easy task for Haley

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WASHINGTON

Nikki Haley now becomes Donald Trump's foreign policy explainer-in-chief to the world, and that's going to be a very tough job.

While Trump will nominate the Republican governor of South Carolina to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, he and his national security team in Washington will set American foreign policy. The

president-elect has shown little enthusiasm for United States alliances in place since the end of World War II. And Haley will report to a boss who's known for his lack of diplomacy, particularly when it comes to for-

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eign affairs.

Haley will be "the pleasant face on what is likely to be a very harsh administration internationally," said Ted Galen Carpenter, senior fellow for defense and foreign policy studies

at Washington's Cato Institute, a libertarian research group.

"When she speaks with world leaders, the world is going to listen," said David Wilkins, a former ambassador to Canada

under President George W. Bush and speaker of the South Carolina House. "Everything she says will be heard and digested."

Haley was lauded this week as someone well-prepared to bring people

together over difficult issues, though not someone well-versed in the nuances of foreign policy.

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said Ted Piccone, senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. But, he added, there's an opportunity "if the administration wants to look at the United Nations as a place where deals can be done."

Her supporters thought Haley's lack of diplomatic expertise would not be a hindrance. "I think talented people can do anything," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Haley will arrive at a United Nations dealing with a world simmering with tension in a myriad of flashpoints. Current U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power's experience illustrates the sort of promise and problems Haley faces.

The key to U.S. leverage is in the 15-member Security Council. Any of its five permanent members – the U.S., China, Russia, the United Kingdom and France – have a veto. Trump's had harsh words for China, while stressing more cooperation with Russia.

Be careful, warned Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., a Senate Foreign Relations Committee member. "Russia has shown itself to be a global bully and not a partner," Cardin said.

Power, who has an extensive background in international affairs, has

been one of the Obama administration's key people watching implementation of the Iran nuclear pact.

She also was instrumental earlier this year in getting the Security Council to unanimously impose new sanctions intended to stop North Korea from further developing weapons of mass destruction. Power has been less successful, though, combating Russian resistance to agreeing on how to curb Syria's civil war.

Piccone, a senior foreign policy adviser in the Clinton administration, thought Haley could have an opening. "Trump has said we need to fix Syria," he said. He noted that Antonio Guterres, secretary general-designate, has a political background. He had been prime minister of Portugal.

Ann Corkery, a former delegate to the U.N. General Assembly, said Haley's political experience could be highly useful. "She has consistently demonstrated her ability to bring together people on opposing sides of complicated issues," said Corkery, now a Washington attorney.

Among the challenges Haley faces:

● Will Trump renegotiate last year's Iran nuclear

deal, reached between that country and the U.S. and five other world powers?

Haley opposed the pact. The U.N. has urged all of the agreement's negotiators to continue honoring it, something all other parties have signaled they intend to do. Supporters say scrapping the agreement will help Iranian hard-liners, whose interests are better served with a more isolated Islamic Republic.

● Will Trump stick to his campaign promise to halt Muslim migration to the U.S. until terrorist threats are addressed? Will he bar refugees fleeing violence in countries like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan?

Such policy could violate international law, which stipulates that other countries have an obligation to take in people seeking refuge from persecution in their home country and cannot bar refugees based on origin.

Guterres is likely to resist any American efforts to dismantle refugee programs.

He formerly served as the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and is a strong advocate for wealthy countries doing their fair share to help the most vulnerable.

He will take office Jan. 1.

● Will Trump have much use for the U.N.? He's not a fan of traditional alliances.

During the campaign, Trump branded NATO, the 67-year-old European defense pact, as obsolete.

He said the United States backing of a NATO ally could depend on whether a nation paid its fair share of military spending. About 70 percent of NATO spending comes from the U.S.

Trump appeared to soften that view last week. A NATO statement said he and Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg discussed the alliance's "enduring importance." Trump has also suggested that Japan, South Korea and Germany don't pay enough for U.S. military protection.

● Will Trump bring back waterboarding as an interrogation tool, even though it's a violation of the international convention on torture?

The U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights has already warned his staff that they will fight attempts from a Trump administration to bend current human rights norms.

Trump this week told The New York Times his view of torture may be shifting.

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Donald Trump gets an endorsement from Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster on Jan. 27.

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McMaster, whose family has long-standing roots in Columbia and is one of the most well-known politicians in the state, was unavailable for comment. Assuming Haley is confirmed as U.N. ambassador by the U.S. Senate, he would become governor unless McMaster took a job in the Trump adminis-

tration.

McMaster issued a statement through a spokesman praising Haley for being named ambassador to the U.N. But the early supporter of Donald Trump's bid for president did not address becoming governor.

State Sen. John Courson, a Columbia Republican, said McMaster has told him he would accept the governor's job if it became vacant. Courson had lunch Tuesday with McMaster and said nothing discussed during the meal indicated he would not take the job.

Moving into the governor's mansion potentially would give McMaster an advantage in his expected run for a full-term as governor in 2018.

ON THE TABLE

In replacing Haley as governor, McMaster would have plenty to deal with next year - particularly whether South Carolina will raise taxes to fix its battered road system.

Many legislators have been pushing for a gasoline tax increase to fund road improvements, but Haley resisted the plan unless it included an offsetting tax increase.

The state also must wrestle with how to pay for billions of dollars in pension system debt as well as deal with the budget. Hurricane Matthew, which slammed the state in October, will create financial challenges in the upcoming budget, as will wildfires that have prompted state efforts to contain the blazes.

Many interviewed Wednesday about McMaster said that he's unlikely to shift political direction

very far from the conservative agenda Haley set as governor. He is considered a mainstream Republican, but McMaster also is a party loyalist and champion of GOP candidates.

Still, some of his work as attorney general could provide a glimpse of issues

McMaster might view as important while governor.

One of those is the environment.

As attorney general for eight years, he blasted state regulators in 2007 for keeping a nuclear waste dump's pollution records secret; sued North Carolina over water rights along the shared Catawba River; pushed to toughen prosecution of criminal polluters; and issued a legal opinion that protected salt marsh islands from unchecked development.

Late last year as lieutenant governor, McMaster also broke with many Republicans - including Haley - in opposing oil drilling off the South Carolina coast. The Obama administration later abandoned the plan amid an outcry from coastal governments that said the oil industry could pollute the ocean and hurt tourism. But plans to drill for oil along the South Atlantic

could resurface under Trump, based on the president-elect's campaign statements.

Haley, who pushed an economic development agenda, generally was viewed as indifferent on environmental issues.

"I don't see Henry making drastic changes" from Haley's agenda, said Ann Timberlake, a longtime acquaintance of McMaster's who recently retired

as director of the Conservation Voters of South Carolina. "But we already have a relationship with Henry. We just feel a little more connected."

McMaster, as attorney general, also has been interested in cracking down on domestic violence in a state with a history of problems. He unveiled a plan in 2003 that encouraged private lawyers to volunteer as prosecutors in domestic violence cases in magistrate court, where many

cases were heard at the time and prosecuted by police officers.

The effort didn't change the state's reputation as a haven for domestic violence, but he drew praise for the effort.

In addition, McMaster championed the creation of a task force that tackled internet crimes against children, said Laura Hudson, one of the state's staunchest crime victims advocates.

"I guess Henry's greatest gift is his ability to work with everybody," Hudson said. "I fully expect him to use the bully pulpit for criminal domestic violence and crime victims' issues."

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McMaster has extensive experience in the law and in Republican Party politics.

After working in his family's legal practice, McMaster served as U.S. attorney for South Carolina under GOP President Ronald Reagan. He was Reagan's first U.S. attorney appointment. While serving as U.S. attorney in the early 1980s, McMaster headed the "Operation



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Jackpot” investigation that sent rings of coastal drug smugglers to prison.

He later headed the state Republican Party, worked as a fund-raiser for the University of South Carolina and served on the State Ports Authority board. He was elected state attorney general in 2002 and lieutenant governor in 2014.

McMaster has in the past been involved in some controversies, including presiding over the state Republican Party when its bank account ran in the red.

Some Republicans blamed McMaster for allowing the state party to fall \$276,000 in debt while he was the leader. McMaster told The State

in 2002 that he chose to put the party’s funds into winning elections first, then paying bills later.

McMaster’s family is widely known in Columbia and has long-standing roots around town.

The second oldest of six brothers, McMaster attended A.C. Flora High School for two years be-

fore transferring to a North Carolina prep school.

He and his wife, Peggy, have two grown children and live near the USC campus, where McMaster graduated in 1969. His father, John Gregg McMaster, served in the state House of Representatives.

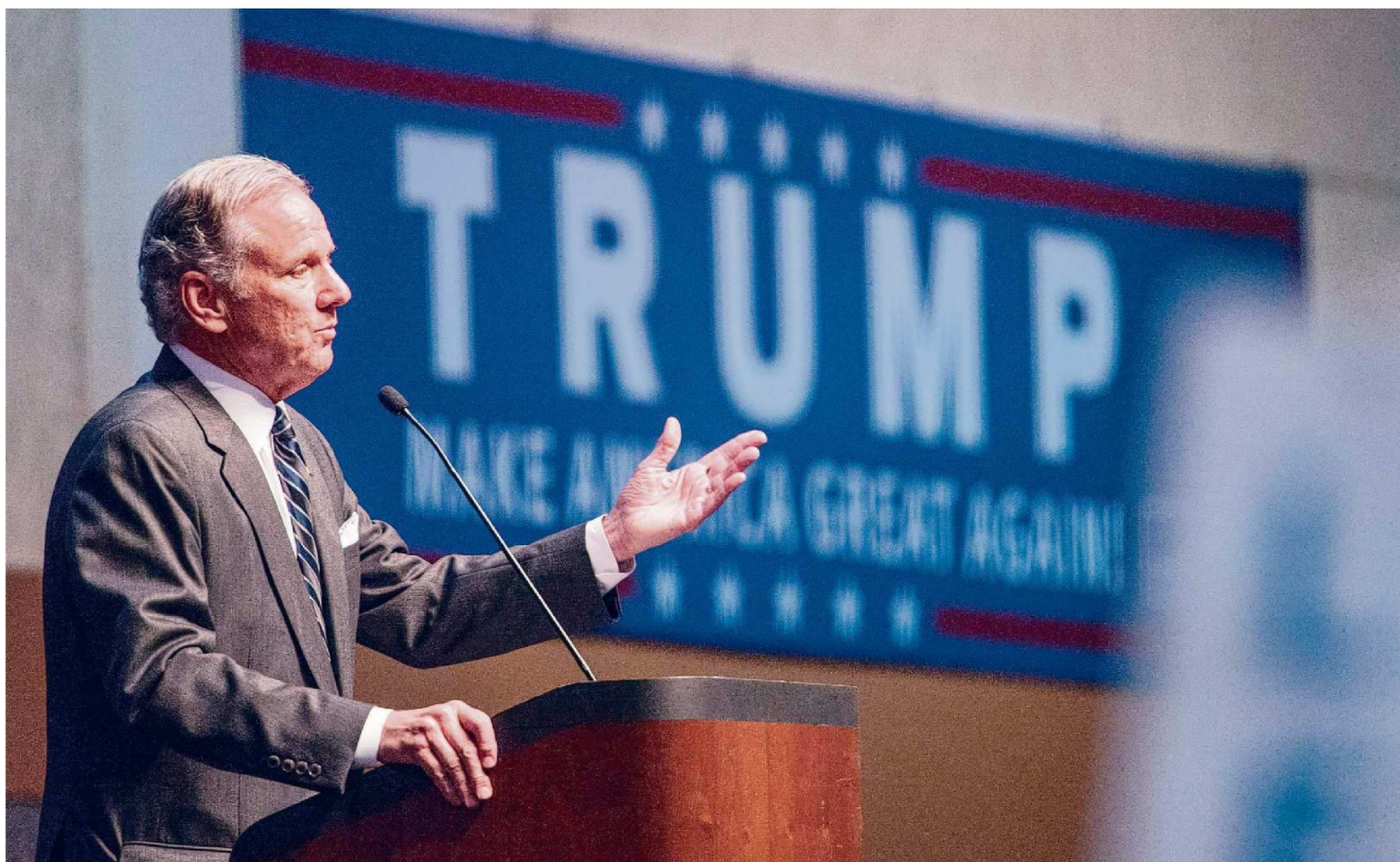
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Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster addresses the crowd during the Republican state convention in Columbia this year.

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Donald Trump, with McMaster, during the state's Republican presidential primary.



McMaster is sworn in by Florence Sen. Hugh Leatherman in 2015.

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"As governor of South Carolina, she has recruited and dealt with some of the largest international business firms in the world. Her husband was a member of the South Carolina National Guard who served a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Governor Haley and her family fully understand what is at stake in the war against radical Islam. I know she will be a valuable ally to President-elect Trump as our nation tries to re-engage the world and lead from the front, not behind."

— **U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham**, who will be expected to vote for Haley's confirmation when her nomination comes to the U.S. Senate.

"She's going into the job with the least experience of any U.N. ambassador in the history of the U.S. But

she's a statesman. I think she will be more than competent. She's going to balance Trump out. She does not want to start World War III, and Trump might start World War III by accident."

— Former S.C. Democratic Rep. **Bakari Sellers** of Bamberg

"I think God's hand is upon her. ... She has a chance to change the world through serving there. I think her experience with the flooding and the Charleston church shooting have all prepared her to solve problems on a bigger scale."

— Haley's pastor, the **Rev. Jeff Kersey**, at Lexington's Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church

"President-elect Trump has made a tremendous and most capable choice by selecting our governor

to represent the United States in the international community."

— **S.C. House Speaker Jay Lucas**, who commended Haley's "distinguished service" as governor

"She's proven over the last six years that she has the ability to take on any job that's given to her."

— **State Rep. Rick**

Quinn, R-Lexington, a longtime Haley ally

"Governor Haley's appointment as U.N. Ambassador shows how far our state has come and how far our nation can go in the 21st century. I couldn't be more proud that the whole world will get to see Nikki Haley's strong, principled leadership in action."

— **Matt Moore**, chairman, S.C. Republican Party

"I have no doubt she will serve America well through defending and sharing our values and strengthening our relationships with Israel and other allies."

— **U.S. Sen. Tim Scott**, R-Charleston

"It's a tremendous honor to be named an ambassador. She's going to face a steep learning curve."

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"She will always be known as the jobs governor. And a lot of that includes foreign direct investment – her negotiating and working with leaders of foreign companies to have them bring jobs to South Carolina."

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Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster is sworn into office by Hugh Leatherman on Jan. 15, 2015.

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Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has been tapped to serve as Donald Trump's U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, his transition team announced Wednesday. The 44-year-old, who is in her second and final term in the South Carolina governor's mansion, has accepted

the position.

Despite her lack of direct foreign policy experience, Trump said he chose Haley because she is "a proven deal-maker" who will be a "great leader representing us on the world stage."

"Governor Haley has a proven

track record of bringing people

together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward," the president-elect said in a statement on Wednesday.

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The announcement of Haley's nomination was quickly followed by that of a second woman, school-choice activist and billionaire Betsy DeVos, to lead the Education Department. DeVos, from Michigan, is a longtime advocate for charter schools and school vouchers.

While some cheered Haley's selection, the DeVos choice faced criticism even before it was formally announced Wednesday, The Associated Press reported. Conservatives warned that DeVos, a longtime Republican donor, previously supported the Common Core education standards that Trump railed against during the campaign.

Haley's appointment marks several firsts.

If confirmed by the Senate, Haley would be

the first person to enter the role with no previous foreign policy or diplomatic experience. Current U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power served on President Barack Obama's National Security Council, working as a special assistant to the president and senior director for multilateral affairs and human rights. Her predecessor Susan Rice, like many ambassadors to the U.N. before her, spent part of her career as a diplomat.

Trump's spokesman Jason Miller cited Haley's handful of "trade and recruitment missions" to draw foreign companies to South Carolina when asked by reporters about her diplomatic qualifications on Wednesday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also pointed out her husband's tour in Afghanistan with the S.C.

National Guard.

"I'm confident she will be a strong voice for reform and stand for American interests throughout the world," he said in a statement.

South Carolina Democratic Party chair Jaime Harrison said he hopes Haley "is a quick study."

"I must note with concern that every single previous U.N. Ambassador came to the job with previous foreign policy experience, which Governor Haley lacks," he said in a statement.

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said they would take a careful look at Haley's qualifications.

"Governor Haley deserves fair, thorough scrutiny before taking on this important role," Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said on Wednesday. "I look forward to digging into

Governor Haley's record, experience, and qualifications."

At this point Haley should have no trouble being confirmed by the Senate.

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., Hillary Clinton's running mate and a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said her leadership in South Carolina had prepared her for the post.

"As a former Governor, I believe that Governor Haley's executive experience would serve her well in the challenging role of negotiating with all United Nations member states," he said in a statement.

If confirmed, Haley would move to New York City for her new job. She would have the option of living at the U.N. ambassador residence, which is a suite of rooms on the 42nd floor of the Waldorf-Asto-

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The daughter of Indian Sikh immigrants, Haley was the first woman and the first minority picked for a Cabinet-level post in Trump's administration.

Her appointment shows Trump's "commitment to build a team that is deep in talent and rich in diversity," Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., said on Wednesday.

Another first: Haley's appointment marks a turning point in Trump's transition, which up to now has mainly focused on rewarding the loyalty of those who supported his White House bid.

The South Carolinian was critical of Trump during the presidential campaign, even using her high-profile position delivering the Republican State of the Union response in January to urge her party to resist "the siren call of

the angriest voices."

Haley also denounced Trump's call to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the U.S., saying in the nationally televised address, "No one who is willing to work hard, abide by our laws and love our traditions should ever feel unwelcome in this country."

Trump hit back in his usual style, tweeting, "The people of South Carolina are embarrassed by Nikki Haley!"

The governor endorsed Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., ahead of South Carolina's Republican primary last February before lukewarmly supporting the Republican nominee.

"This election has turned my stomach upside down," she said last month. "It has been embarrassing for both parties. It's not something that the country deserves, but it's what we've got."

After Trump's surprise victory, she softened her tone about the businessman.

Trump is "talking about inclusion. ... So far he's done well," Haley told reporters last week while at the Republican Governors Association meeting in Orlando, Fla. She said she hoped Trump "continues to be disciplined in his comments."

Haley, who traveled to New York for a face-to-face meeting with the president-elect last week, was initially said to be under consideration for secretary of state. On Wednesday, she said her "sense of duty" moved her to accept the ambassadorship, even though she had expected to finish her two remaining years as governor.

"Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything," she said in a statement, adding that

Trump's election has "brought exciting changes to America."

Haley was a "pretty easy pick" for Trump, his spokesman Jason Miller told reporters in a call on Wednesday.

"There was a natural chemistry between the two when they met and talked about their vision of how they wanted the U.S. represented on the world stage," he said.

If she is confirmed by the Senate, Haley would be replaced by the state's Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, who was an early and vocal Trump supporter.

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South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has been tapped to serve as Donald Trump's U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, his transition team announced Wednesday. The 44-year-old, who is in her second and final term, has accepted the position.

Despite her lack of direct foreign policy experience, Trump said he chose Haley because she is "a proven dealmaker" who will be a "great leader representing us on the world stage."

"Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward," the president-elect said in a statement on Wednesday.

The announcement of Haley's nomination was quickly followed by that of a second woman, school-choice activist and billionaire Betsy DeVos, to lead the Education Department. DeVos, from Michigan, is a longtime advocate for charter schools and school

vouchers.

While some cheered Haley's selection, the DeVos choice faced criticism even before it was formally announced Wednesday, The Associated Press reported. Conservatives warned that DeVos, a longtime Republican donor, previously supported the Common Core education standards that Trump railed against during the campaign.

Haley's appointment marks several firsts.

If confirmed by the Senate, Haley would be the first person to enter the role with no previous foreign policy or diplomatic experience. Current U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power served on President Barack Obama's National Security Council, working as a special assistant to the president and senior director for multilateral affairs and human rights. Her predecessor Susan Rice, like many ambassadors to the U.N. before her, spent part of her career as a diplomat.

Trump's spokesman Jason Miller cited Haley's

handful of "trade and recruitment missions" to draw foreign companies to South Carolina when asked by reporters about her diplomatic qualifications on Wednesday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. also pointed out her husband's tour in Afghanistan with the S.C. National Guard.

South Carolina Democratic Party chair Jaime Harrison said he hopes Haley "is a quick study."

"I must note with concern that every single previous U.N. Ambassador came to the job with previous foreign policy experience, which Governor Haley lacks," he said in a statement.

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said they would take a careful look at Haley's qualifications.

"Governor Haley deserves fair, thorough scrutiny before taking on this important role," Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said on Wednesday. "I look forward to digging into Governor Haley's record, experience, and qualifications."

At this point Haley should have no trouble being confirmed by the Senate.

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., Hillary Clinton's running mate and a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said her leadership in South Carolina had prepared her for the post.

"As a former Governor, I believe that Governor Haley's executive experience would serve her well in the challenging role of negotiating with all United Nations member states," he said in a statement.

If confirmed, Haley would move to New York City for her new job. She would have the option of living at the U.N. ambassador residence, which is a suite of rooms on the 42nd floor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel leased by the State Department.

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