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THUNDERBIRD TRUSTEE APPOINTED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND

(GLENDALE, Ariz.) April 29, 2008 — The appointment of Thunderbird Trustee Barbara Barrett as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Finland was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 29. She is an international business and aviation attorney and corporate executive.

“I congratulate Barbara on her swift confirmation,” said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. "It was a testament to her broad background of experience and diplomatic skills. She will effectively represent the interests of the United States government abroad, and I am delighted the Senate acted so quickly to confirm her. Barbara is obviously highly intelligent and has a broad background of experience, a tremendous personality, and great energy — all skills critical in representing the United States in a post abroad.”

Barrett is the president and CEO of Triple Creek Guest Ranch in Montana and recently served as senior adviser to the United States Mission at the United Nations. She is a member of the U.S.—Afghan Women’s Council and is the driving force behind Thunderbird’s Project Artemis – a training, development and mentorship program for Afghan women entrepreneurs.

“Barbara Barrett is a true global leader who personifies the ideals for which Thunderbird stands,” said Thunderbird President Dr. Angel Cabrera. “We are thrilled by her appointment and pleased that she will be in a position to utilize her immense skill and experience on the global diplomatic stage.”

She has served as deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and earlier in her career, as vice chairwoman of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board. Barrett received her bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and juris doctorate from Arizona State University. She holds an Honorary Doctorate in International Law from Thunderbird. She serves on the corporate boards of Raytheon and Exponent, and is a trustee of The Aerospace Corporation, Mayo Clinic and the Smithsonian Institution.

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