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Alfonso E. Lenhardt

Alfonso Lenhardt named U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania

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President Barack Obama has named the Honorable Alfonso E. Lenhardt as his Ambassador-designate to the United Republic of Tanzania. Under the U.S. system of government, the President appoints Ambassadors by and with the advice and consent of the United States Senate.

Since May 2004, Lenhardt has been the President and CEO of the non-profit National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). He was also Senior Vice President of Government Relations for The Shaw Group. On September 4, 2001, Lenhardt was appointed the 36th Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate and became the first African-American to serve as an officer of the Congress. He also served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Council on Foundations.

Lenhardt retired from the U.S. Army in August 1997 as a Major General with more than 30 years of service in leadership and management positions. His last position with the Army was Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at Fort Knox, KY, where he managed and directed an organization of more than 13,000 people in over 1,800 locations. He also served as the senior military police officer for all police operations and security matters throughout the Army's worldwide sphere of influence.

Lenhardt was born in New York City and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska, a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Science in the Administration of Justice from Wichita State University. He is also a graduate of the 94th Session of the FBI National Academy; the United States Army Criminal Investigations Supervisors' program, and the National War College, National Defense University.

About the Ambassadorial appointment of Lenhardt and others, President Obama said,

"Americans will be fortunate to have these distinguished men and women as their representatives abroad. Their talent, experience, and dedication will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen America's partnerships around the world and confront the challenges of the 21st century. I am grateful for their service and look forward to working with each of them."

Please see the complete White House announcement at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/President-Obama-Announces-More-Key-Administration-Posts-6-11-09/