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Atlantik-Brücke Honors U.S. Secretary of State Rice with Warburg Award in Berlin

On May 31, 2007, U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice will be presented with the Eric M. Warburg Award. Atlantik-Brücke has created this prize to recognize public figures in Germany and the States who, in the spirit of Eric Warburg, have rendered outstanding contributions to fostering relations between Germany and the United States.

Dr. Rice is being honored for her special merits and her strong commitment, as a member of the National Security Council of President George H.W. Bush, in supporting German Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl to achieve German unification in 1989. The award presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the castle *Neue Kammern* in the Sanssouci park in Potsdam, and Helmut Kohl will deliver the laudation.

Eric Warburg, co-founder of Atlantik-Brücke and the first recipient of the award that bears his name, was persecuted by the National Socialists and fled to the United States in 1938. There, he engaged himself with enormous resolve to ensure that the rule of law would follow the crimes of the Hitler era. To Eric Warburg, a solid German-American partnership, based both on the shared conviction of the importance of human dignity and democracy and on common interests, was the most vital underpinning of a stable democracy in Germany.

Other Warburg Award recipients include former U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and former Federal Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl. In 2002, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Atlantik-Brücke, the award was presented to former U.S. President George H. W. Bush. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift in 1998, veterans of the Allied Air Forces received the Eric M. Warburg Award on behalf of all those soldiers who had given their lives to secure the freedom of Berlin.

Atlantik-Brücke was founded in 1952 as a private, nonpartisan, and nonprofit organization aimed at building a bridge between postwar Germany and the United States, one of the victorious powers of World War II. Among its members are over 500 leading figures from politics, business, the media, and academia. Atlantik-Brücke's activities center on promoting better understanding between the United States and Germany.

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