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I am very pleased to share with you the news, just announced, that University of Chicago's Dr. Janet Rowley will be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor, by President Barack Obama on Wednesday, August 12. Dr. Rowley has brought and will continue to bring much distinction and honor to our institution, and we are grateful and very proud to call her one of our own.

Also receiving the Medal of Freedom are Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Sen. Edward Kennedy, Stephen Hawking, Sidney Poitier and eleven others. Please see the news release from the White House below.

A separate news release from the Medical Center is attached, and is also available on the University and Medical Center web sites, at: <http://www.uchospitals.edu/news/2009/20090730-rowley.html>

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