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NATALIE MADEIRA COFIELD NAMED 2019 WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR BY DC CHAMBER

Award presented for demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership

The DC Chamber of Commerce has named Natalie Madeira Cofield, entrepreneur, philanthropist and economic activist as the recipient of its **2019 Women in Business Champion of the Year Award**. The award is presented for demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership and efforts to increase business and financial opportunities to help women-led companies grow. The DC Chamber of Commerce, which celebrated its eighty-year anniversary in 2018, is the largest Chamber in the Washington DC region and serves as an advocate for the DC business community.

Cofield is the founder and CEO of **Walker's Legacy**, one of the largest digital business platforms for enterprising multicultural women and the **Walker's Legacy Foundation**, the organization's nonprofit sister arm which is missioned to encourage entrepreneurship and financial empowerment amongst economically challenged women and girls of color.

"Walker's Legacy started in DC nearly ten years ago with less than thirty women in a room. Today we represent a network of women in ten cities across the nation," stated Cofield. "It is an incredible honor to be recognized in the city of our founding for the work that our organization does everyday to empower women, professionally and entrepreneurially," she continued.

The honor adds to Cofield's list of recent recognition including being named Advocate of the Year by the US Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, among the 100 Most Influential Washingtonians and a Women Who Mean Business honoree both presented by the Washington Business Journal.

Recipients will be honored at the Small Business Awards Luncheon from 12:30PM to 2:00PM held during the 2019 Small Business and Economic Development Summit, on May 10th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. For more information please visit, www.dcchamber.org.

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About Natalie Madeira Cofield

Cofield is the founder and CEO of Walker's Legacy, the largest digital business platform for multicultural women and the Walker's Legacy Foundation, the organization's nonprofit sister arm which is missioned to encourage entrepreneurship and financial empowerment amongst economically challenged women and girls of color. She was named one of one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans in the US by The Root 100, the 100 Most Influential Washingtonians by the Washington Business Journal and the 2018 Advocate of the Year by the US Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency, among other awards and recognitions.



About the DC Chamber of Commerce

The DC Chamber of Commerce is the largest Chamber in the Washington DC region. As an advocate for the DC business community for almost 80 years, the DC Chamber of Commerce is the voice for all businesses in the District of Columbia, proudly serving a diverse membership of more than 1,500 to provide Washington businesses with passionate advocacy, valuable networking opportunities, and enlightening educational programs. The DC Chamber of Commerce knows how special District businesses are and everything the chamber does is dedicated to delivering the capital they value. For more information, visit <https://www.dcchamber.org>, or follow the Chamber at <https://twitter.com/dcchamber> and on <https://www.facebook.com/DCCofCommerce>

About the Walker's Legacy

Walker's Legacy, www.walkerslegacy.com, is a digital platform for the professional and entrepreneurial multicultural woman. We exist to inspire, equip, and engage through thought-provoking content, educational programming and a global community.

About the Walker's Legacy Foundation

Walker's Legacy Foundation, www.walkreslegacy.org, exists to provide the entrepreneurial, financial and professional supports needed to improve economic prosperity and reduce economic inequality for multicultural women and girls, globally.