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FEW's 1st National President and Founding Member Named as Inductee to the National Women's Hall of Fame

[Washington, D. C., March 10, 2009]--- Dr. Allie B. Latimer, attorney, civil rights activist, and humanitarian has been selected as one of 10 phenomenal women named to be a 2009 inductee to the National Women's Hall of Fame. Dr. Latimer was instrumental in organizing Federally Employed Women (FEW) in 1968, and served as the organization's founding president until 1969. In 1977, as a federal attorney, Dr. Latimer was the first African American and first woman to serve as General Counsel of a major federal agency as well as the first woman to attain the GS-18 salary level at the General Services Administration (GSA). In 1987 Ms. Latimer was named Special Counsel for Ethics and Civil Rights at GSA and ended her federal career as Special Counsel for Ethics in 1995.

The Veteran Feminists of America (VFA) also, recognized her as part of the "second wave of feminist pioneers" honored at its meeting in New York City on April 25, 1998. She received the Ollie May Cooper Award, presented for a lifetime of legal humanitarianism and outstanding contributions to the legal profession, from the Washington Bar Association on October 15, 1998.

Ms. Latimer is an active public speaker and trainer, and has delivered lectures to varied audiences throughout the United States. She currently serves her community as an advisor and legal advocate for senior citizens, and has served as a mentor for students and members of the legal profession, provided management and executive leadership training for members of the federal workforce and is a personal and professional role model for women in both the public and the private sector.

"Allie is an inspiration to so many," said Sue Webster, FEW's National President. "She is an outstanding example of FEW's philosophy of *Each One, Teach One* through her continued mentoring and program guidance. We are very proud of her and she is certainly most deserving of this honor through all that she has accomplished and continues to accomplish!" Webster added.

The induction will be held during a weekend of celebration held in Seneca Falls, New York, on October 10-11, 2009. Seneca Falls was the location of the first women's rights convention, held in 1848. The event began a 71-year struggle for women's suffrage.

About FEW: Federally Employed Women is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after Executive Order 11375 was issued that added sex to the forms of prohibited discrimination in the federal government. FEW has grown into a national organization serving over one million federally employed women—both in the military and civilian workforce. FEW's many accomplishments and activities have impacted the federal workplace and contributed to the improved working conditions for all. For more information about FEW, visit www.few.org

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