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## *Election Watch*

Post-Election Release

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## **Women Winners in 2004 Election: U.S. Congress and Governor**

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

Setting a new record, 65 women will serve in the U.S. House of Representatives when the 109th Congress convenes in January. Eight newcomers (5D, 3R) have been elected to the House; since three women left their House seats, the net gain is five. The new congresswomen will join 57 incumbents (37 D, 20 R) who won re-election. (In addition, three women (3D) retained their seats as non-voting delegates representing the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.)

The newly elected congresswomen are:

Winners of open seats:

Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), Thelma Drake (R-VA), Cathy McMorris (R-WA), Gwen Moore (D-WI).

Challenger defeating incumbent:

Melissa Bean (D-IL).

### **U.S. Senate**

No new women will join the U.S. Senate. Five incumbents were re-elected:

Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); and Patty Murray (D-WA). The Senate will continue to have 14 women (9D, 5R).

### **Governors**

In 2005, eight women will serve as governors. Three women were candidates for governor in 2004. Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE) was re-elected. Christine Gregoire (D-WA) won an open seat. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) lost her race. Prior to the election, there were 9 women governors (5D, 4R). Six are holdovers who will continue to serve, and two did not seek re-election.