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.