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“Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz shepherded the (pool-safety) bill through Congress.”

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**The Miami Herald**

“Now, five years later, President Bush has signed into law a national version of now-Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz’s pool safety bill.”

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## Wasserman Schultz Bill to Create Federal Pool Safety Guidelines Signed Into Law



Rep. Wasserman Schultz announces federal pool safety legislation at a Washington, DC press conference.

Children will be safer from drowning in swimming pool mishaps thanks to legislation by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Her measure, approved by Congress and signed into law by the President on December 19, creates national pool-safety guidelines for the first time.

“We know there will be children who won’t drown now because we passed this bill. We know we will save parents the heartache, trauma and healthcare costs associated with these kinds of pool accidents,” she said.

The legislation was named in honor of 7-year-old Virginia Graeme Baker, who drowned in 2002 after being trapped by the suction in a whirlpool. The *Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act* was patterned after a Florida pool safety law that Debbie Wasserman Schultz sponsored in 2000 when she served in the Florida State House.

This historic legislation includes funding to educate the public, installers, local officials and consumers and to provide grants for states that pass laws requiring installation of fences around pools, drain covers to prevent hair and body entanglement and anti-entrapment devices or dual main drains.

It also bans, one year after becoming law, the manufacture, sale or distribution of pool drain covers that don’t meet anti-entrapment safety standards.

With enactment of this law, we can now combat the second leading cause of accidental death for children ages one to fourteen. 335 children died in the United States in 2004 and basic pool safety legislation would have dramatically reduced those childhood fatalities.” she said.

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Dear Friends:

Looking back on this year’s legislative session, I am pleased to say my efforts have secured over \$19.6 million in federal funds for South Florida.

Inside you will find a Map of District Successes that details federal funding for important local projects. The projects were included in appropriations bills recently passed by both houses of Congress.

Stretching from Miami Beach to western Broward County, the projects were requested by communities and organizations to improve services for South Florida residents.

On my Congressional Web site, you can sign up for my electronic newsletter so that I can keep you regularly informed about my efforts in Congress. Go to: <http://www.house.gov/wassermanschultz>.

On the Web site, you can also find information about issues that I am frequently asked about when I am back home working for you.

Your questions, thoughts, and concerns are important to me. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any problems or issues you consider significant by contacting me at one of my offices or through the Web site.

Sincerely,

*Debbie*



Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz discusses efforts to improve federal support for local projects during her Pembroke Pines Town Hall Meeting.

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## House Approves Wasserman Schultz Bill That Will Combat Online Exploitation of Children

Rep. Wasserman Schultz is fighting to stop the exploitation of children online with her measure to help law enforcement identify and prosecute predators who traffic child pornography on the Internet.

Her legislation, passed by the House of Representatives in November, would train federal, state and local police to capture the digital evidence needed to help put these child sex predators behind bars. H.R. 3845 would authorize \$1.05 billion over eight years for:

- ICAC Grant Program – Requires the Attorney General to create a grant program under the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to get local agencies the resources for robust cyber units with highly trained investigators.
- Increased Federal Agents – Authorizes funding for new federal agents, at the FBI and at the Immigrations and Custom Enforcement Agency, dedicated to child exploitation cases.
- Increased Forensic Capacity – Increases forensic capacity for child exploitation cases at the Regional Computer Forensic Labs.

“The Department of Justice and the FBI have testified about our capability to identify nearly 500,000 individuals who are trafficking child pornography over the Internet. But we are investigating only 2% of the known offenders,” Rep. Wasserman Schultz said. “My measure will change that by creating the resources and structure for a strong network of crime fighters to track down these Internet predators and put them away.”

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“Wasserman Schultz’s bill would approve spending \$1 billion during the next eight years to go after online child exploitation.”

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# Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz’s Map of District Successes

Securing federal funding for important local projects.



Rep. Wasserman Schultz meets with local and federal officials to discuss disaster preparedness projects for South Florida.

## Congresswoman Returns Federal Funds to Florida

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz has secured over \$19.6 million in federal funds for South Florida, helping to offset the fact that Floridians regularly pay more in federal taxes than they receive back for needed programs.

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