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Sarasota, FL (September 23, 2009) –Governor Mansion Pool Gets Energy and VGB Act Upgrades

The Florida Swimming Pool Association and its members have upgraded the Governor mansion swimming pool to increase its energy efficiency and bring it into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act.

The upgrades include replacing the drain cover with a 2007 ASME A112.19.8 compliant cover and the installation of a suction vacuum release system. These changes bring the pool into compliance with the federal VGB Pool & Spa Safety Act and the ANSI/APSP-7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance Standard that was adopted into the 2007 Florida Building Code. The VGB Act mandates public pools to install new drain covers and additional devices to increase safety. The FSPA encourages residential pool owners to keep their pools current on safety standards.

Energy efficient upgrades were also performed and will save more than \$3,000 per year depending on actual use. The incandescent light was replaced with a LED light and will save on electricity and maintenance. The pump motor was replaced with a variable flow pump motor which reduces operating costs by 72 percent. Automatic controls were installed to optimize energy use and equipment performance. The sand filter was replaced by a 420 square foot cartridge filter to extend cleaning cycles, lower operating costs, reduce system pressure, allow for easy maintenance and increase particle removal. The current gas heater was replaced with one that is more energy efficient. The gas heater is a back-up to the existing solar heating system.

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The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 600 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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