Supervisor Romaine's Sense Resolution in Support of Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act is Unanimously Adopted by Town Board

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Farmingville, NY - At the February 26 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Romaine's Sense Resolution supporting the reauthorization of the Federal Government's Violence Against Women Act was unanimously adopted by the Town Board. The act, which was originally passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in 1994, provides funding and grants for law enforcement to assist the victims, and prosecute those who commit domestic violence. On February 5, the Senate voted 78-22 to reauthorize the act and now it will go before House of Representatives. In 2005, the House voted to reauthorize by a vote of 415-4.

Supervisor Romaine said, "There are some bills that deserve to have non-partisan support in the House and Senate, and this is the one of them. Violence against women is never acceptable and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Whenever it occurs, it has such a devastating affect on victims, their children and families. I support this bill and urge the House to vote in favor of its reauthorization."

The Town of Brookhaven's Division of Women's Services and the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence sponsors a support group for victims and survivors of domestic violence every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There is no fee required and the meeting locations are kept strictly confidential. For more information, please call the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (SCCADV) at (631) 666-7181 or the Town's Division of Women's Services at (631) 698-2074. Battered and abused women can also call the SCCADV 24 hour hotline at 631-666-8833.

To find out more about the Town's Division of Women's Services, please visit www.brookhaven.org or call 451-6146.

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