

THE NECESSITY OF ENDING
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an ongoing battle that is waged day-to-and minute-to-minute in our country. Largely perpetrated in silence, domestic violence is an overwhelming problem that affects every community and that transcends race, language, nationality, culture, sexual orientation, religion, economics, and gender. Too often, domestic violence is viewed as a women's issue, when in reality this is an issue that affects every aspect of our society: women, men, children, and communities as a whole. Domestic violence is an unacceptable reality and I believe that individuals must commit themselves to fighting this battle, which so often strikes at the very heart of our families.

In order to effectively decrease the incidence of domestic violence, full funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 2000 is essential. VAWA funds programs that assist battered women and their children. President Bush's FY04 budget cuts \$19 million from VAWA programs. This cut will have a profoundly negative effect on the victims of domestic violence who need the support of these

programs to stop the cycle of violence in their lives. I support Congressional action to restore the cuts made to the VAWA programs in President Bush's budget, in order to continue to provide essential services to those who need our help the most.

Last year Congress passed, and the President signed, the DOJ Reauthorization Act (PL 107-273), which included the Violence Against Women Office Act. This statute established an Office on the Violence Against Women as a separate and distinct office that would ensure that the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act is a high priority for the Department of Justice. Attorney General Ashcroft has failed to create this office. His inaction amounts to a systematic disregard for the full implementation of this law. I would encourage all of my colleagues to join me in urging Attorney General Ashcroft to establish a separate Office on Violence Against Women to fulfill both the spirit and the letter of the law.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON G. NUNEZ

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ramon G. Nunez, publisher of the

Tampa Record and a passionate political activist who lived every moment of his life with tremendous tenacity and enthusiasm.

Ramon was known across Tampa Bay for his remarkable work ethic and positive attitude, but it was his love for people that paved his way in the political community. Ramon received his first break by working for gubernatorial candidate Fuller Warren. He made such an impression that when Warren became Governor, he gave Ramon his first governmental job. Ramon spent the next 60 years in the center of Tampa politics, earning the respect of many political figures.

However, Ramon made his greatest mark on the Tampa Bay community through his many newspaper publications. Ramon was associated with or owned several weekly publications such as: Ybor City Sunday News, Tampa Interbay News, Tampa Interbay Record, La Tradduccion Prensa and the Tampa Record.

Despite all of his commitments in the community, Ramon, the father of five daughters, always found time for family. I would like to express my heartfelt sympathies to Ramon's family. Ramon Nunez will be remembered in Tampa Bay as a hard working, fiercely loyal and very warm blooded pillar of our community. The Tampa Bay area will miss him greatly.