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## Poe: Domestic Violence Surveillance Legislation Passes House

April 29, 2008

Springfield... State Representative Raymond Poe (R-Springfield) today commended the unanimous passage of House legislation that would establish the Domestic Violence Surveillance Act. If signed into law, the act would require individuals who are in violation of an order of protection to carry or wear a global positioning system (GPS) device.

“I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of the Domestic Violence Surveillance Act,” said Poe. “This legislation will allow victims of domestic violence one more level of protection against offenders who are inclined to harass,” said Poe. “We’ve seen this same idea work effectively in Massachusetts, so I’m optimistic that, with the addition of this tool, authorities will be able to effectively address restraining order violations.”

HB 3038 would mandate counseling for individuals that have been served with restraining orders. Refusal of counseling would be grounds for being put on a GPS monitoring device. Individuals required to wear the GPS device would also be required to pay for the expense.

“Just last month Cindy Bischof, an Elmhurst real estate broker, was gunned down outside of her office by her ex-boyfriend,” said Poe. “The attacker had been charged twice before with violating Ms. Bischof’s restraining order. If we can prevent just one person from being the victim of further abuse, then this legislation is a complete success.”

HB 3038 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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