

4A Applauding actions against violence

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Regarding your Jan. 13 article, "Cary police charge men under new domestic-violence law": As a local divorce attorney and Cary resident for over a decade, I commend the Cary Police Department for their responsive act of duty. Their actions set an example for police departments throughout the state.

I support the actions recently taken by our legislature to strengthen our state's domestic-violence laws and provide additional assistance to protect victims of

domestic violence. Some new law provisions enacted in 2004 that deserve special mentioning are: 1) creating a strangulation offense; 2) amending the Habitual Misdemeanor Assault Statute by reducing the number of necessary prior convictions from five to two; and 3) creating the Domestic Violence Offender Treatment, which requires a defendant who has committed acts of domestic violence to complete an abuser-treatment program while on probation, if a reason-

able one is available, and for the North Carolina Department of Correction to establish a domestic-violence treatment program for offenders in the custody of the department.

The more preventative actions we can take to reduce domestic violence in our community, the less innocent victims will suffer.

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