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DeLauro and Putnam Recognized as the 2007 Friends of Agricultural Economics

Washington, Sept. 18, 2007 – Today the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) recognized Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3) and Congressman Adam Putnam (FL-12) as the “2007 Friends of Agricultural Economics” for their appreciation of the application of economics to policy issues involving agriculture, natural resources, food and nutrition topics, at a reception held in 1310 Longworth House Office Building.

C-FARE Chair, Dr. Steve Turner from Mississippi State University stated, “Our profession is grateful to the Congresswoman for her continued appreciation of economic analysis to improve public policy.” Dr. Rigoberto Lopez from the University of Connecticut, who presented the honor to the Congresswoman, added “Congresswoman DeLauro has always been a supporter of those in Connecticut’s rural communities and our consumers. Her added attention to recognizing the value of what the economic sciences can provide to policy discussions has long been noticed by those of us in Connecticut and it was my pleasure to present this honor to her on behalf of my colleagues from across the United States and the profession.”

Congresswoman DeLauro serves as Chairwoman of the Agriculture-FDA Appropriations Subcommittee and as a member of the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittees; in addition, she also sits on the House Budget Committee. DeLauro has worked to provide funding to improve food safety, the health of the agricultural economy, and for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The reception was held in conjunction with the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA) as part of their bi-annual meeting which focuses on economics policies and funding issues of importance to researchers and producers across the country. The reception also honors the economists who provide information and guidance to the policy process, especially those who work on Capitol Hill and at the various government agencies. Agricultural economics is the study of the economic forces that affect the food, fiber and fuel industry from the producer and rural communities to the agribusiness and the consumer.

The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the national presence of the agricultural economics profession. C-FARE's governing board includes prominent agricultural economists representing a wide range of public and private sector interests. For more information visit our website at www.cfare.org.

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