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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 Congressman for his continued appreciation of economic analysis to improve public policy.” Dr. Thomas Spreen from the University of Florida, who presented the honor to the Congressman, added, “Congressman Putnam has long been a supporter of Florida’s agricultural and natural resources industries. It is a pleasure to see the outstanding leadership and efforts of this remarkable graduate of our profession honored by my colleagues from across the United States. I commend him on his continued appreciation and application of economics to his policy decisions.”

Congressman Putnam serves on the Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee of the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. The House Financial Services Committee oversees the nation's financial services and housing sectors including banking, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing, and securities. The Congressman is a graduate of the University of Florida receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Resource Economics. Prior to his election to Congress, he worked in his family's citrus and cattle business.

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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