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Putnam Campaign Approaches \$1 Million Dollar Mark

Putnam adds \$229,000 to his campaign for Commissioner of Agriculture

BARTOW, Fla. – With widespread support from across Florida, Congressman Adam Putnam's campaign announced it is continuing its momentum in fundraising for Commissioner of Agriculture.

In eight months the Putnam Campaign raised over \$974,000 in contributions, with over \$229,000 coming in the third quarter of 2009. The campaign also announced it has over \$860,000 cash on hand.

"Despite difficult economic times and a busy summer for Floridians, we continue to build broad support for our campaign. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed," Putnam said. "I'm proud to have the agriculture community unified behind our campaign and we are committed to running a balanced campaign that builds a grassroots network that is second to none."

Adam has been endorsed by every major agriculture organization that endorses in campaigns including the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association, Southeast Milk Producers, Indian River Citrus League, Florida Citrus Mutual and 16 County Farm Bureaus. In addition, Adam is endorsed by 27 members of the Agriculture Hall of Fame and Women of the Year in Agriculture award recipients.

Adam Putnam is a fifth generation Floridian born and raised in Bartow and has represented the Twelfth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives since January 2001. The twelfth district includes most of Polk County and portions of Hillsborough and Osceola Counties; he was first elected in 2000 and re-elected subsequently.

Putnam served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1996 to 2000, where he chaired the Committee on Agriculture from 1998 to 2000. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in food and resource economics. Adam resides in his hometown of Bartow with his wife Melissa and their four children.

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