

Tamagna tells colleagues trip to D.C. was 'a thrill of a lifetime!'

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CARMEL — Legislator Vincent Tamagna is still in awe over meeting First Lady Laura Bush.

The Putnam lawmaker traveled to the White House last month where he accepted a recognition honoring Putnam County as one of America's first Preserve America Community recipients.

Putnam joined seven other communities across America to be recognized for preserving America's cultural and natural resources.

Mr. Tamagna presented an official proclamation presented to him by Mrs. Bush to County Executive Robert Bondi at last week's full meeting of the Putnam

Legislature. "Mrs. Bush talked about promoting American history and spoke the words by telling the world all of the great features found across Putnam County," said Mr. Tamagna.

Mr. Bondi promised the proclamation would be prominently displayed in a place of honor and distinction and he commended Mr. Tamagna for leading the charge that led to Putnam's recognition.

In addition to Putnam being honored at last month's White House ceremony, other communities receiving Preserve America distinction were Augusta, Ga.; Castroville, Texas; Delaware, Ohio; Dorchester County, Md.; Key West, Fla.; Steamboat Springs, Colo.; and Versailles, Ky.



Putnam Legislator Vincent Tamagna beams with pride while being presented with an official Preserve America Community recognition by First Lady Laura Bush. (Photo courtesy of White House staff)



Legislator Tamagna (left) presents a White House proclamation to County Executive Robert Bondi at last week's meeting of the Putnam Legislature. (Photo by Eric Gross)