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(right) accompanies her friend Gianna Jones to her naturalization ceremony. Both women reside in North Salem.

Putnam's Kim Blacklock Featured in Major Motion Picture

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Kim Blacklock, known locally for her community efforts as President and CEO of Fairfield Arts as well as a member of the Putnam County Television Film Committee, will again be appearing on the motion picture screen across the globe later this month, featured as one of the characters in the motion picture "The Congressman."

Written and co-directed by former Congressman Robert Mrazek, the film stars Treat Williams as Charlie Winship, a Maine congressman whose refusal to say the Pledge of Allegiance creates a media firestorm.

Others in starring roles include Jayne Atkinson, George Hamilton and Blacklock, who plays Matty Pierce, a large and robust fisherwoman.

The Kent resident is no stranger to the big screen having recently appeared with Christopher Walken and Christian Slater in "The

months for Putnam County following a 20-year hiatus.

America's newest citizens come from all corners of the earth including Argentina, Russia, Vietnam, Ecuador, China, India and Mexico.

The hour-long ceremony was officiated over by Putnam County Judge James Re-

Reitz called the day "wonderful and historic," advising the new citizens: "Today marks the first day for the rest of your lives."

Bartolotti praised the 41 assembled telling them: "This day is for each of you. Our population has become more diversified in

America's newest citizens took oath of allegiance to the United States and received a rousing ovation at the Putnam Courthouse. The naturalization ceremony, held at the Putnam Courthouse, was attended by family and friends of the new