

BIRMINGHAM – Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-AL) tonight will host a reception for area high school students who participated in the annual Congressional Arts Competition.

The reception for students and their families, teachers, and supporters of the arts competition will be held in the Hoover Library Theater Area, 200 Municipal Drive at 6 p.m.

“The artistic talent displayed by these students is very impressive. A lot of imagination and hard work went into each of the entries. This is a positive example of the good things that our high school students are achieving. They deserve recognition and congratulations for taking part in this nationwide competition,” Bachus said.

High school students from more than 200 congressional districts participate in the annual contest. Students submit their artwork through their high schools. An independent board of judges from each congressional district evaluates the local entries. The winning piece of artwork from each district is displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year.

Matt Greene, a 12th grade student at Hoover High School, received the first place award for the 6th District for his paint and oil pastel titled “Inner Space.” Matt and his family have been invited to travel to Washington for the opening of the 2009

Congressional Arts Competition exhibit at the U.S. Capitol on June 24th

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The reception honored the work done by students who entered the competition, all of whom received special recognition from a judging panel chaired by Dr. Donald Stewart.

Matt Greene, Hoover High School (First Place)

Lauren Lockhart, Vestavia Hills High School (Second Place)

Mirielle Jefferson, Spain Park High School (Third Place)

La Tillia Barnes, Leeds High School (Honorable Mention)

Melissa Borden, Spain Park High School (Honorable Mention)

Briana Mays, St. Clair County High School (Honorable Mention)

Taylor Mathews, Pelham High School (Honorable Mention)

Kasie Shutts, Mortimer Jordan High School (Honorable Mention)

Whitney Steeley, Vestavia Hills High School (Honorable Mention)

“The arts are an important part of a high school education. The arts inspire creativity, and good artwork requires thought and discipline. We can be proud of the talented students that we have in the schools of the 6th District,” Bachus concluded.