

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus welcomed Congressional Arts Caucus Competition winner Tenisha Hicks and her parents to his office today. The Hicks also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony that kicked off showcasing her artwork in the Capitol for the next year.

Ms. Hicks, a Mortimer-Jordan High Junior, is the 2004 winner of the Congressional Arts Caucus Competition for Alabama's 6

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Congressional District.

Ms. Hicks artwork, entitled "Fang", is a vibrant depiction of a predator's clenched teeth that took several months to complete. By winning the competition, Tenisha and her parents were invited to Washington to participate in the unveiling of her art.

Southwest Airlines and the office of Congressman Bachus underwrote their trip. "The Hicks family should be very proud of Tenisha, and deserves the opportunity to share in her achievement," Bachus said.

A panel of art experts judged the submissions from 9-12th graders from the 6th District. "

I am pleased to hold this competition every year to show off the wonderful artistic talent of so many young people from our area," Bachus said.

It's a great opportunity for some talented local students to receive recognition.

By placing the winning artwork of students from around the country in a corridor of the Capitol building, members of Congress will be reminded of the importance of the arts as they head to the House floor for votes."

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