

BIRMINGHAM (December 6) – Congressman and Mrs. Spencer Bachus announced that Taylor Cosby, a ninth grade student at Hewitt Trussville High School, has been selected as the cover artist for the 2010 Holiday Card Call for Art.

The program provides a creative outlet for talented students with visual impairments.

All of the participants in this year's program were honored at a reception hosted by Congressman and Mrs. Bachus and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry Vision Science Research Center at the Hoover Public Library today.

"These students have captured the spirit of the Christmas season by sharing their talents with us. The originality and diversity of their artwork is truly inspiring. It is a privilege to be able to recognize these gifted and loving children," Bachus said.

The UAB School of Optometry Vision Science Research Center sponsors the Holiday Card Call for Art. In 1993, Congressman and Mrs. Bachus began using the original art in their holiday card to highlight the accomplishments of local students. The cards are received by more than 7,000 people.

Taylor, who is the daughter of Ty and Shirley Cosby, was selected as the cover artist for her work entitled "Christmas Train," an acrylic on canvas. Her art teacher at Hewitt Trussville High School is Susie Thomas.

For the first time, a second piece of artwork is being featured as a thumbnail print on the back of the card. Stephanie Wright, a third grader at Crumly Chapel Elementary School created "Ring, Ring, Ring." Stephanie is the daughter of Eric and Yolanda Wright. Her art teacher is Kate Follett.

The student artwork is on display throughout the holiday season in the lobby of the Worrell Building on 924 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Birmingham.

The following students were recognized for their artwork:

Robin Adair

*Christmas Friends*

Gardendale Elementary School

Destiny Cobbs

*Optical Ornament*

Brookville Elementary School

Taylor Cosby

*Christmas Train*

Hewitt Trussville High School

Katie Crook

*Angel*

Rocky Ridge Elementary School

Katie Crook

*Christmas Tree*

Rocky Ridge Elementary School

Taylor Davis

*Santa's Pole*

Bagley Junior High

Anne Grace Deale

*Snow Woman Dive*

Hewitt Trusvile High School

Gracie Faulkner

*Christmas Dove*

Corner Middle School

Reagan Green

*The Feathery Tree*

Deer Valley Elementary

Reagan Green

*The Snowman in the Night*

Deer Valley Elementary

Austin Kennedy

*North Pole*

Hewitt Trussville Middle School

Matthew Miller

*Wreath*

Hewitt Trussville Middle School

Jersey Morrison

*Stocking*

Curry Elementary School

Beck Petersen

*Christmas Bells*

Paine Primary

Beck Petersen

*3 Ginger Bread Men*

Paine Primary

Ren Petersen

*Christmas Flower*

Paine Primary

Maria Rivette

*Christmas Rainbow*

Challenger Middle School

Nicholas Rollins

*Ornaments*

Irondale Middle School

Leon Rosato III

*Ornament*

Simmons Middle School

Shaquon Rutledge

*Mystery Tree*

Erwin High School

Mariah Ryce

*Mr. Candy Cane and Snowflakes*

Hueytown Middle School

Dylan Sebastian

*Puzzling Wreath*

Chalkville Elementary School

Dylan Sebastian

*Mr. Cool Snowman*

Chalkville Elementary School

Anna Marie Sides

*Oh, Starry Tree on Christmas Night*

Memorial Park School

Tim Tankersley

*Christmas Tree*

Hewitt Trussville Middle School

Jamiel Vaughn

*Christmas Eve*

Huffman Middle School

Aubrey Whiteley

*Frosty the Snowman*

Crumly Chapel Elementary

Aubrey Whiteley

*It's Snowing in the Pines*

Crumly Chapel Elementary

Aubrey Whiteley

*Frosty the Snowman*

Crumly Chapel Elementary