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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced the details of the 2010 Congressional Art Competition for the 11th District.

The competition is part of the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition intended to showcase the artistic talents and abilities of students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

Each Member of Congress hosts a competition among high school students in his or her district. The winning artwork from each district is then featured in a display in the busy corridor that connects the Cannon House Office Building with the U.S. Capitol, used daily by Members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C.

"I encourage high school students from throughout the 11th District to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Rep. McNerney. "Each time I walk to the Capitol I pass by the collection of student artwork and I am always impressed by the level of talent and quality of work. I'm looking forward to seeing this year's entries."

In addition to having his or her artwork on display in Washington, D.C., the grand prize winner from the 11th District also will be flown, with a guest, to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony on June 17, 2010.

Dong Seung Shin, a student at California High School in San Ramon, was the grand prize winner of last year's competition for his painting entitled "Home of the San Francisco Crabs."

The contest is open to all high school students who reside in the 11th District. Artwork is due by April 16, 2010 and can be submitted at either of Congressman McNerney's district offices.

Additional guidelines for the Congressional Art Competition include:

- Piece must be two-dimensional
- Each piece can be no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame
- No more than 4 inches in depth

Pieces can be submitted in several categories, including paintings, drawings, prints, and mixed media.

For more information on the contest, contact Cheri Clasen in Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727.