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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that Dong Seung Shin won the 11th Congressional District Art Competition. The showcase and 11th Congressional District Art Competition was held on Saturday at the Grand Theatre in Washington, D.C. “I am continually impressed by the talent and quality of work produced by all the students who enter the competition,” McNerney said. As the winning piece, “Home of the San Francisco Crabs” will hang in the Cannon Tunnel, a busy walkway in Washington, D.C. In addition to having his artwork on display in Washington, D.C., Dong Seung Shin will be flown, with a grant from McNerney, to the Grand Theatre. Second place winner was Winnie Chang, also a California High School student, for her oil painting entitled “The Heart of the City.” A distinguished panel of judges from the 11th district selected the winning entry. The panel was comprised of:

- Linda Jeffery Sailors, Founder, Dublin Fine Arts Foundation and former Mayor of Dublin
- Claudette McDermott, Founder, Pleasanton’s Poetry on Canvas
- Ellen McKissock, Member, Morgan Hill Art Commission
- Marvin Rothschild, Chair, Tracy Art Commission
- Brandie Spencer, Founder, Stockton’s Empowering Young Voices

The competition is part of the annual nationwide Congressional Art Competition which showcases the art of high school students from across the country.