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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today announced the details of the 2011 Art Competition for the 11th Congressional 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.

“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’m always impressed by the level of talent and quality of work. I’m looking forward to seeing this year’s entries.”

Each Member of Congress hosts a competition among high school students in his or her district. The winning artwork from each district is then displayed in a busy corridor that leads to the U.S. Capitol, used daily by Members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C. In addition, the grand prize winner from the 11th District will be flown with a guest to Washington, D.C. to attend an awards ceremony in June.

The second, third and fourth place winners will also have their work displayed in one of Congressman McNerney’s three offices, located in Washington, D.C., Stockton and Pleasanton. A panel of judges will select the winning entries and their decision will be announced at a special ceremony and exhibit to be held at Tracy’s Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

Winnie Chang, a student at California High School in San Ramon, was the grand prize winner of last year’s competition for her painting entitled “Oh, California Poppies! – Our State Flower.”

The contest is open to all high school students who reside in the 11th District. Artwork is due by April 22, 2011 and can be submitted at either of Congressman McNerney’s district offices. The address for the Stockton office is 2222 Grand Canal Blvd., Suite 7, Stockton, CA 95207 and the address for the Pleasanton office is 5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Suite 175, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Guidelines for the Congressional Art Competition include the following:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Each piece can be no larger than 28” x 28” x 4” (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame.
- Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- Acceptable media for artwork are as follows:
- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.

- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-Generated Art
- Photography

Students and teachers interested in the Congressional Art Competition should contact Cheri Clasen in Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727 for further guidelines and information.