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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today announced that Shao-Ning Lu, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, won the 11th District Congressional Art Competition for her pencil and color pencil piece titled “Together We Support.”

“The Art Competition is a great opportunity for talented high school students in our community to showcase their work in an art gallery and meet other young artists from the area,” said Rep. McNerney. “I’m always impressed by the talent and creativity of our students, and especially so this year. My congratulations to all the students who participated and especially to the winner of this year’s competition, Shao-Ning Lu. I look forward to seeing her piece hang in the U.S. Capitol.”

The 11th District Congressional Art Competition was held on Saturday at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts in Tracy. 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 art entry from each Congressional district is then displayed in the Capitol for one year.

As the winning piece, “Together We Support” will hang 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, Shao-Ning Lu will be flown, with a guest, to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony on June 22, 2011.

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. The second place winner is Yandi Wu, a freshman at Foothill High School in Pleasanton for her oil painting entitled “Time is Ticking.” Winnie Chang, a junior at California High School in San Ramon, took third place for her oil painting titled “Shh! Here Come the California Quails.” Adaurie Dayak, a sophomore at Kimball High School in Tracy, took fourth place for a collage titled “Literary Cat.”

A panel of judges selected the winning entries from the 11th Congressional District.