*One student's work will be displayed in the United States Capitol*

Huntington, NY – On Saturday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) held his annual Congressional Arts Competition Awards Ceremony, honoring the high school artists who competed in this year's event. One winner will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

"Every year the Congressional Arts Competition reminds me of the talent and abilities among our local high school students. I'm always proud to walk to the Capitol and see the artwork of one of our local Long Islanders on display. I commend the teachers and parents who have worked with these students and encouraged their passion for art," said Rep. Israel.

All 35 participants had their art on display for friends, family and visitors at the Heckscher Museum of Art on Saturday. Students were presented with certificates celebrating their entry. One winner is selected in each Congressional District nationally.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nation-wide competition.

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