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## Alexander Commends Local Artist Selected to Participate in National Exhibition

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Fourteen-year-old Chase Hamilton, of Monroe, was among ten young people from across the nation selected to attend a Congressional reception May 20 at the Union Station West Hall in Washington, D.C. as part of the All Kids Can ... CREATE! art exhibition, sponsored by VSA arts, an affiliate of the John R. Kennedy Center.

During the reception, the young artists discussed their works of art with Members of Congress attending the event. U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, said he was proud to see Hamilton's work, titled, "Spring," honored at the event.

**"The creativity and talent Chase's artwork demonstrates is very inspirational,"** Alexander said.

"I am glad I had the opportunity to meet this fine young man, and I am grateful to the VSA arts organization for encouraging young people such as Chase to explore and develop their artistic abilities."



U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander attends a Congressional reception to honor Chase Hamilton, Monroe, and other young artists participating in the All Kids Can ... CREATE! art exhibition, sponsored by VSA arts, an affiliate of the John R. Kennedy Center.