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## \*\*COMMUNITY NOTICE\*\* Calling Young Artists! Shuster Announces 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Art Competition

*Washington, D.C.* – Congressman Bill Shuster today called on high school students throughout the 9<sup>th</sup> district to take an active role in the 2007 Congressional Art Competition.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a great way for local students to put their talent to the test and gain recognition for their artistic accomplishments, their school and their community," Shuster said. "Past competitions have allowed local student artists to display their work to a national audience and I know from experience that the 9<sup>th</sup> district is full of talented young artists just waiting to be noticed."

This unique event provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to showcase the diverse artistic talents of high school students throughout their districts. For this year's competition, Congressman Shuster is partnering with Indiana University of Pennsylvania to showcase all of the entries into the competition from March 17<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to reflect a theme associated with the 9<sup>th</sup> district in their submissions.

From all of the entries received, one winner will be selected to represent the 9<sup>th</sup> district and advance to the national competition in Washington, DC in June. The winning student will receive an invitation to a special reception at the US Capitol building, where the student's artwork will be displayed for thousands of visitors for a whole year.

Congressman Shuster invites each school district in the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to select and submit one piece of student art to represent the artistic talents of their high school by February 29<sup>th</sup> to Congressman Shuster's District Office located at 310 Penn Street, Suite 200, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Questions regarding the Congressional Art Competition can be directed to Congressman Shuster's office at (814) 696-6318 or 1-800-854-3035.

"I look forward to a big turnout for this year's competition," Shuster added. "Let's show the country how talented the 9<sup>th</sup> district is."

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