

# “An Artistic Discovery”

## The 2012 Congressional High School Art Competition

### Congressman Steven C. LaTourette

#### 14th District of Ohio

#### **Competition Guidelines:**

- The competition is open only to high school students (exceptions can be made for schools that have grades 7-12 in one building) who live in the 14th Congressional District. The artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the students earlier.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional. **If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must still adhere to the size guidelines.** Also, all artwork must be no larger than 28 by 28 inches, no more than 4" in depth and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. The accepted mediums are as follows:
  - \* Collages: must be 2 dimensional
  - \* Computer-generated Art
  - \* Drawings: charcoal, colored pencil, ink, markers, pastels, pencil, etc.
  - \* Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as ink, pencil, watercolor, etc.
  - \* Paintings: acrylics, oil, watercolors, etc.
  - \* Photography
  - \* Prints: block prints, lithographs, silk screens
- All artwork must be original and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing graphic, photo, painting, or any other work is a violation of competition rules and will not be permitted.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is up.
- A copy of the typed Student Information/Release Form must be attached to the back of the artwork.**

#### **Suitability Guidelines:**

- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portions not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.
- The final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol is left to a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in the Capitol.

#### **Judging Guidelines:**

- The name/school of each entrant should not be visible when artworks are being judged.
- A judging panel from Lakeland Community College's Art Department will select the top four artworks and then rank them in first, second, third and fourth place. The first-place winner's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol and will be provided with two roundtrip tickets to attend the reception. The second place winner will be displayed in my Washington D.C. office. The third place winner will be displayed in my Painesville District Office and the fourth place winner will be displayed in my Twinsburg Office.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Liberty of my Painesville office at 440-352-3939 or you may email her at [liberty.schindel@mail.house.gov](mailto:liberty.schindel@mail.house.gov).

**All Artwork must be submitted by April 23, 2012.**