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Amash announces winners of art competition

Pieces to be displayed in U.S. Capitol and Amash's congressional offices

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) announced the winners of the 2014 Congressional Art Competition for Michigan's Third District at an awards ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday.

Jessica Swanson's piece, *Human Environment*, was named the grand prize winner and will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year alongside winners from other congressional districts. *Let It In* by Alexis Hoffman (Caledonia High School) and *Tag It* by Amanda Klaasen (East Kentwood High School) were the Representative's Choice winners and will be displayed for one year in Amash's congressional offices.

Swanson, a student at Northview High School, will visit Washington, D.C., this June for a reception honoring the winners. Pieces from Andrea Beary (Caledonia High School), Jasmine Bruce (Northview High School), MacKenzie Erwin (East Kentwood High School), Meghan Onak (Rockford High School), Madeline Ostrowski (Forest Hills Central High School), Oo Reh (East Kentwood High School), and Keaton Smith (East Grand Rapids High School) were named honorable mentions.

The Battle Creek Society of Artists, Calhoun County Arts Council, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University, Kent Intermediate School District, Portland Community Arts Council, and UICA were sponsors and participated in the judging committee.

The Congressional Institute sponsors the art competition in cooperation with the House of Representatives. The annual competition is open to high school students and more than 650,000 have participated in the competition since it began in 1982.

A copy of the grand prize winning piece is attached to this release.

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