

## Student Artist Honored in Washington, D.C.

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) hosted Christina Martins, the winner of the 2007 Congressional Art Contest from Florida's 16th Congressional District who joined students from across the country at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. today.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a great opportunity to recognize the achievements of high school artists. Christina Martins has already demonstrated impressive talent at a very young age. We are proud that one of our local students' works will be on display in the U.S. Capitol Building this year," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

Christina Martins' artwork was selected by Congressman Mahoney's Congressional Arts Committee to hang in the U.S. Capitol for one year. High School artists from across FL-16 participated in the competition. Christina, an 18-year-old 2007 graduate of Wellington High School, will be attending Palm Beach Community College in the fall.

Christina's artwork, entitled "Edinburgh Scotland" was chosen from works by high school students throughout Florida's 16th Congressional District. Congressman Mahoney hosted a "Celebrated the Arts" Congressional Open House in May for all the artists from his district who participated in the competition. The other artists' works are hung in Congressman Mahoney's district office in Stuart, FL.

In addition to the ceremony, students participated in a workshop at the Library of Congress with artist Antonio Martorell, a well-known painter, graphic artist, writer, and radio and television personality.

Each student who wins the annual Congressional Art Competition is offered a partial scholarship to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design. Christina is interested in eventually attending the college.

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