

Bakersfield, CA- Today, Congressman Kevin McCarthy announced the winners of

“An Artistic Discovery” Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 22nd Congressional District at a reception held at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

“I am encouraged by the artistic talents of the high school students in the 22nd Congressional District,” McCarthy said. “I was extremely pleased to hold this reception so our communities could see the high-quality artwork of our youth and recognize all our winners for their hard work and creative eye.”

Congressman McCarthy also expressed his appreciation to the panel of fine judges from the community, including: Jeanette Richardson, director of the Arts Council of Kern in Bakersfield; Gita Lloyd, local artist in Bakersfield; Casey Christie, photojournalist for the Bakersfield Californian; and Bob Gardner, local artist in Bakersfield.

The overall winner’s piece, “Weathered, But Not Beaten” by Caleb Macy, will be displayed in the hall leading to the U.S. Capitol for one year. Airline tickets for Caleb and two guests were provided courtesy of Southwest Airlines to fly to Washington, D.C. in June to attend the exhibition opening of “An Artistic Discovery.” First through third place winners, as well as Honorable Mentions, will have the option of hanging their artwork in Congressman McCarthy’s Washington office for a period of one year. Each participant in the competition was given a Congressional Certificate of Recognition.

The 2008 winners are:

Overall Winner

Caleb Macy, Colored Pencil: “Weathered, But Not Beaten,” Grace Christian Academy, Lancaster

All Other Medium Category

1st Place: Sandrine Mamigonian, Pen: "Me Collage", Tehachapi High School

2nd Place: Elisabeth Macy, Colored Pencil: "Elisabeth's Mountain," Grace Christian Academy (Lancaster)

3rd Place: Kari Storslett, Pastel (Chalk): "Saturday Afternoon," Bakersfield High School

Honorable Mention: Marissa Kinnison, Oil: "Priscilla," Stockdale High School (Bakersfield)

Photography

1st Place: Brittany Carter, "Old Truck," Bakersfield High School

2nd Place: Amanda Geis, "Soundtrack to my Winter," Frontier High School (Bakersfield)

3rd Place: Amanda Geis, "Some Gave All," Frontier High School (Bakersfield)

Honorable Mention: Katharine Henderson, "A Child's Hands," Bakersfield High School