

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, is pleased to announce this year's Congressional Art Contest winner, Sara Nordmann of Murphy High School.

Sponsored by the Mobile Museum of Art, the contest has for over two decades been a highly successful way of showcasing the artistic and creative talents of young people from across the nation.

Miss Nordmann, a student of art instructor Elizabeth Reasonover, was awarded "Best of Show" honors for her entry, "Aura/Lauren." Along with this award, she is also eligible for a scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design and her artwork will be displayed along with other contest winners from across the United States for one full year in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol.

Other winners from this year's show are:

Second Place: Monica Pavlov, St. Paul's Episcopal School; Title of Work: "Untitled"

Third Place: Ranbel Sun, Alabama School of Math and Science; Title of Work: "Untitled"

Honorable Mention: (1) Sandy Godwin, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Untitled"

(2) Renita Allen, LeFlore High School

Title of Work: "Her"

(3) Jean Latham, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "New York Nightlife"

(4) Caitlin Brown, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Nude with Pearls"

(5) Kristy Doss, Murphy High School

Title of Work: "Whispers of Silence"

"I have been honored to participate as a sponsor of this competition because of the exposure it provides for the talented young men and women of the First District," Bonner said. "This competition, part of An Artistic Discovery sponsored each year by the U.S House of Representatives, is an outstanding way of encouraging our young artists to develop and share their gifts with the community."

A reception honoring all of this year's competition winners and their families will be

held on Sunday, April 24, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. The reception will be held at the Mobile Museum of Art located at 4850 Museum Drive and will be a part of the museum's "Family Day." Congress
man Bonner will be on hand to congratulate all of the entrants and to present awards to the winners.