

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama is pleased to announce this year's Congressional Art Contest winner, Wilson Rushing of Baker 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.

Mr. Rushing, a student of art instructor Ann Fredella, was awarded "Best of Show" honors for his entry, "Wilson Cubed." Along with this award, he is also eligible for a \$15,000 scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design and his 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: Zach Tapscott, Theodore High School

Title of Work: "Face the Music"

Third Place: Catherine Thames, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Tessellating Dragons"

Honorable Mention: (1) Kimberly Chilson, Monroe County High School

Title of Work: "Melancholy Midnight"

(2) James Wenzel, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Still Life"

(3) Lucas McFalls, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Self Portrait"

(4) Heather Patterson, Davidson High School

Title of Work: "Self Portrait"

(5) Jessica Elmore, St. Paul's Episcopal School

Title of Work: "Magnolia"

"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 25, 2004, 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 "Cellular South's Family Day." Congressman Bonner will be on hand to congratulate all of the entrants and to present awards to the winners.