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WINNER OF CONGRESSIONAL ARTS COMPETITION VISITS WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) welcomed Melissa Goldman, 14, a 1st place winner of the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition, to Washington, D.C. on May 29.

"I am delighted that Melissa and her mother were able to come out to Washington to attend the special ribbon cutting ceremony," said U.S. Representative Schakowsky.

On May 5th, Congresswoman Schakowsky announced the winners of the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition, An Artistic Discovery, at an award ceremony in the Skokie Public Library.

The winners of the 2007 competition from Illinois' 9th Congressional District are:

Melissa Goldman, Niles West High School-Hey Kool! (1st Place Winner)

Maya Koenig, Niles North High School-Bracha's Burma

Lydia Nieves, Mather High School-Color Me Red

Audrey Kolodziej, Niles West High School-Untitled

Amanda Rachmaciej, Resurrection High School-John

"I am very impressed by the creativity and skill of all of the students from the 9th Congressional District of Illinois that participated in this year's art competition," U.S. Representative Schakowsky. "Although there is only one first place winner, I truly believe that every one of the students that submitted artwork is an artist. The Congressional Arts Competition is an annual competition held in each of the 435 Congressional Districts, created to highlight the importance of art education by recognizing outstanding talented young artists across the country. Celebrating its 26th Anniversary in 2007. An Artistic Discovery