

**Coffman Announces 2011 6th District Congressional Art Competition**

*Encourages High School Students to Showcase Their Creative Talents*

**(LONE TREE, CO)** – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today called on all high school students in Colorado’s 6th Congressional District to submit entries for 2011’s An Artistic Discovery: The Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the United States Capitol.

“Our district is home to some of the most talented students in the country. Each spring the Congressional Art Competition provides them with a unique opportunity to display their talent in the U.S. Capitol. I encourage all budding artists to submit an entry to this competition, and I look forward to seeing their work,” Coffman said.

Since its beginning in 1982, over 650,000 high school students have submitted artwork for this nationwide competition. Each high school student in the 6th Congressional District may submit one entry of two-dimensional artwork created during the 2010-2011 school year. Only paintings, drawings, and prints will be accepted, and they must be no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. The registration deadline for student entry forms is March 14, 2011.

A kickoff event showcasing all entered artwork will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Philip S. Miller Library Gallery in Castle Rock, CO. The students’ artwork will be on display there until Wednesday, April 20, 2011. The winning artist and one guardian will be presented with two roundtrip tickets to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend the unveiling reception at the U.S. Capitol. In addition, an \$8,000 scholarship will be awarded by the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design to a graduating senior exhibiting in the program.

For additional information and entry forms, please contact Ellen Cesarone in Congressman Coffman’s district office by phone at (720) 283-9772, or email [ellen.cesarone@mail.house.gov](mailto:ellen.cesarone@mail.house.gov).

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