WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez urged high school students in California's 47th District to enter their artwork in Congress' annual art competition. The winning artwork will be displayed in the United States Capitol for one year, along with winning pieces from other Congressional districts, and the winning artist will receive two plane tickets to visit Washington, D.C. for an unveiling ceremony for all the winners. In addition, he or she may be eligible for a college scholarship.

"The Congressional Art Contest highlights the creativity of Orange County's young artists, and provides a national platform for their artwork," said Sanchez. "I am very proud of the talent shown by previous years' winners and I look forward to enjoying this year's winning artwork in the halls of Congress."

Final submissions, including the completed Student Entry and Release Form, must be mailed or hand-delivered to Rep. Sanchez' office in Garden Grove by April 15th, 2011. Participants must reside in the 47th Congressional District or attend a high school within the district. Please limit only one entry per student. Artwork will be reviewed and winners chosen by a panel of judges unaffiliated with the office of Congresswoman Sanchez. A panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol will also review the winning artwork and make the final decision regarding the suitability of artwork for the Congressional Art Competition exhibition. For additional information, please contact Javiera Cartagena at 714-621-0102 or via e-mail at javiera.cartagena@mail.house.gov
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