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RAHALL TO OPEN CONGRESSIONAL ART EXHIBIT

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) will take part in opening ceremonies for the annual high school art exhibition on Thursday, June 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington.

Joining Rahall in the opening ceremony will be Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas) and winning high school students from across the country. Also participating will be Willard Scott of NBC's "Today", film stars Ally Sheedy and Judd Nelson, and Roger B. Smith, General Motors Chairman and corporate sponsor of the event.

Highlighted in the collection of paintings, drawings, and prints will be <u>Reflections</u> by Sandra Weeks, the winning entry from Rahall's Congressional District. Ms. Weeks is a student at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, W.Va.

The exhibit will be displayed in a corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol through May 1988. It is expected that thousands of visitors to the Capitol will view the exhibition.

This year's exhibition - the largest ever - is part of An American Discovery, the sixth annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and conducted by House Members in their home districts. Each participating Member coordinated a local competition to select one piece of art to represent his district in the national exhibition.