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WILLIAMSON NATIVE OPENS CONGRESSIONAL ART EXHIBITION

WASHINGTON DC -- Tamera Duba, of Williamson, West Virginia, joined U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall, Members of the Leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives and actor, Tom Cruise, in celebrating the grand opening of AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY, the eleventh annual high school art exhibition.

Tamera Duba, a Junior of Williamson High School, was the high school art competition winner in Rep. Rahall's Congressional District for her colored pencil drawing, "Shoes in the Sand." Tamera and her parents, Earl and Debra, drove all the way from Williamson, WV to Washington, DC to join Rep. Rahall and superstar Tom Cruise for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies and grand celebration given in honor of all of the art competition winners and their families.

More than 250 Members of Congress sponsored this year's nationwide high school art competition, making it an overwhelming success. Each Congressional District winner's artwork is displayed for one year in the corridor leading to the U.S. Capitol and is expected to be viewed by thousands of visitors to the Capitol.

"I am always proud to be a sponsor of this annual art competition for two fundamental reasons," said Rahall. "One, this art competition allows students the rare opportunity to exhibit their artwork in the nation's Capitol and secondly, it promotes an individual's creativity and imagination, cultivating an enterprising thinker, like Tamera."

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