

Washington DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced today that Ron Linn, a junior at David Douglas High School, is the winner of the Annual Congressional Art Competition for the Third Congressional District of Oregon. Linn's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol along with other winners from around the country.

"The competition is a unique and exciting opportunity for young artists to gain experience showing their work," Blumenauer said. "I'm proud to have Ron's artwork representing the talents of Oregon's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. Capitol."

The Congressional Art Competition was first launched in 1982. Since then, about 5,000 contests have been conducted around the country, involving more than 650,000 high school students. Each Member of Congress sponsors a local art competition in their Congressional District and selects one winning entry. The winning piece of art from each District is displayed in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the U.S. Capitol, for one year as part of a national exhibition.

Blumenauer selected Linn's artwork from a collection of art submitted by students from all over his Congressional District. Linn's piece, entitled "The Green Bowl," is a luminescent pastel still life of a bowl of pears.

Linn, the son of Ron and Dawnelle Linn, is a student of Deena Boehme, an art teacher who has taught two other past Congressional Art Competition winners. He plays clarinet in the David Douglas High School band and runs for the cross country and track teams.

Winning second place was a charcoal and oil drawing of a man submitted by Tadd Miller of Milwaukie. Third place went to Rachel Gale, a student at Open Meadow Alternative Schools in Portland, for her acrylic paint self-portrait.

The exhibition opens in Washington, DC on Tuesday, July 13. Linn plans to attend the opening.