

Washington DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced today that Randi Lazelle, a senior at David Douglas High School, is the winner of the Annual Congressional Art Competition for the Third Congressional District of Oregon. Her 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 Randi’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, nearly 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 LaZelle’s artwork from a collection of art submitted by students from all over his Congressional District. LaZelle’s piece, entitled “Randi,” is an ink on railroad board self-portrait applied by thumbprint.

LaZelle, the daughter of ManyAnn Lazelle, is a member of the Portland Symphonic Girls Choir and competes on the David Douglas High School tennis team. She is planning to attend the University of Puget Sound in the fall.

Winning second place was a delicate watercolor of a giraffe submitted by Cadie Gilman of Northeast Portland who attends St. Mary’s Academy. Third place went to Jessie Singleton a student at Open Meadow Alternative Schools, for her colorful acrylic painting entitled “Grandfather Bachelor Buttons.”

The exhibition opens in Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 24th. LaZelle plans to attend the unveiling of the exhibition.