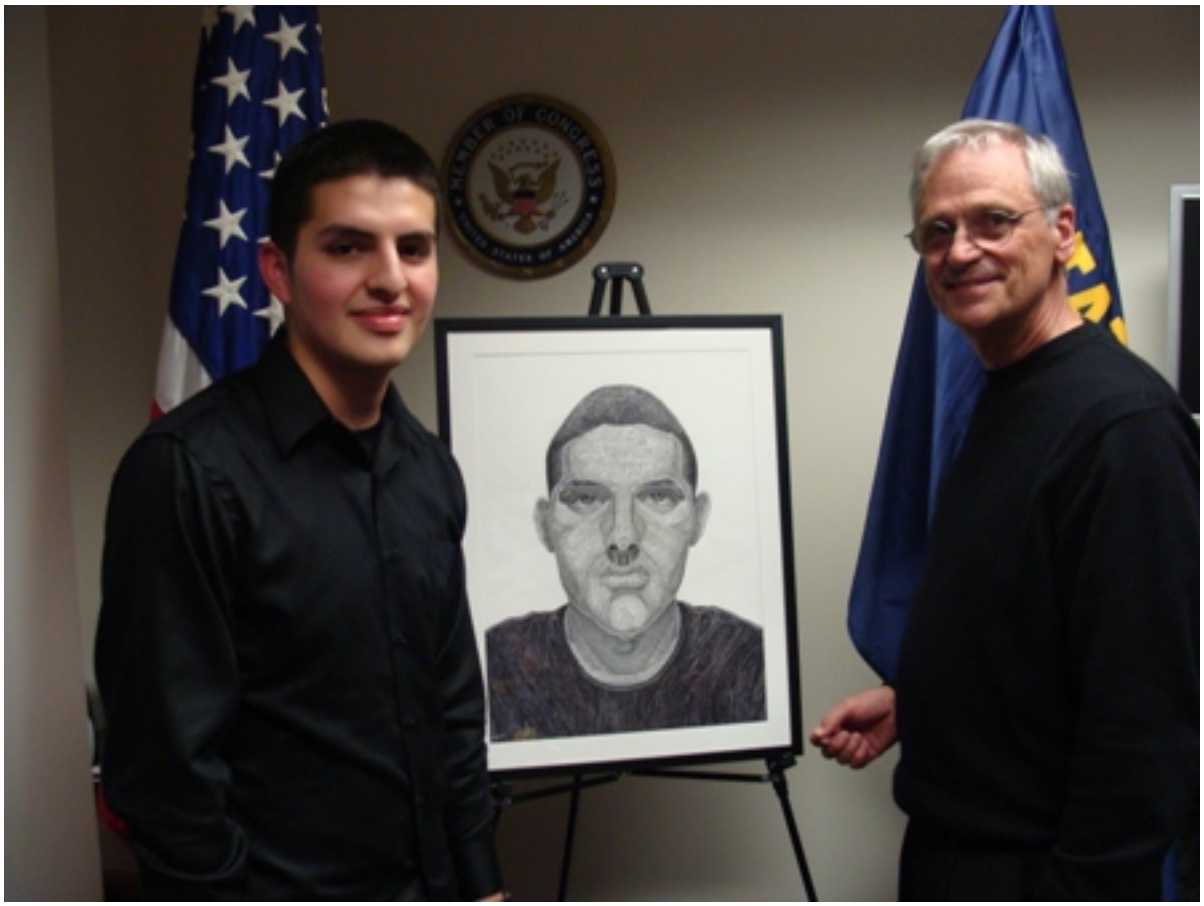
This year's Congressional Art Competition resulted in a truly impressive selection of artwork from around Oregon's third district. This year, we received art from Sandy, Rex Putnam, Reynolds, and David Douglas High Schools, as well as Pacific Crest Community School. Submissions included examples of black and white photography, watercolor, scratchboard, vibrant pastels, and more, with subject matter too varied to describe in this entry. After hours of careful consideration, David Douglas High School senior Moises Valiente took the competition with an intricate self-portrait in pen and graphite entitled "Stream of Consciousness." Moises will head to Washington, DC this June to see his unique piece hung in the Capitol building alongside winning entries from all over the country.

"It's always a pleasure for me to send a talented young artist to Washington to represent our district," said Congressman Blumenauer. "The Congressional Art Competition shows us that education isn't just about tests and grades, it's about fostering an appreciation for the arts in our youth and creating well-rounded citizens."