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*The district-wide competition is open to all high school students from each of the 30 counties Smith represents*

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI** – Today, Congressman Jason Smith announced the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for high school students in public, private and homeschools across southeast and south central Missouri. The theme for the competition is “Our Nation, Our District, Our Community.”

“Seeing the spirit of Missouri expressed in student’s artwork and displayed in the US Capitol Building is always thrilling,” **said Congressman Smith.** “As I travel across the 30 counties that make up Missouri’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I am astounded by the strong spirit, sense of community and work ethic I see from folks in our area. Whether it’s helping farmers in a neighboring state recover from wildfires or cleaning up right outside our front doors after major floods devastated our area last spring, the spirit of Missourians is selfless, hardworking and unwavering.”

Smith’s letter to students inviting them to participate in the contest can be found [here](#). The rules from the 2017 Congressional Art Competition can be found [here](#).

“We host this competition annually, and I am always so impressed by the outstanding talent in our area. I look forward to seeing students’ submissions and the works of art they create again this year,” **said Congressman Smith.**

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