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***John Spratt***

South Carolina # 5th District

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## **Spratt Announces High School Art Winners**

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today the entries judged best in the annual Congressional art competition, *An Artistic Discovery*.**

Spratt was on hand Sunday afternoon at the Rock Hill Center for the Arts for the announcement and kick-off of this year's high school art show, which runs through May 15 at the Center.

Phillip Townsend, a sophomore at Indian Land High School, won first place with his piece, "Man Reading." Townsend, who is taught by Barbara Quartrone, is the son of Phillip and Donna Townsend and a resident of Fort Mill. Townsend's artwork will be sent to Washington to be displayed in the Capitol.

Emily Greyard, a senior at Fort Mill High School, won second place with her piece entitled "Shade." Taught by Brenda Stewart, Greyard is the daughter of Jim and Charlene Greyard and a resident of Fort Mill. Paul Jones, a senior at Rock Hill High School, won third place with his piece entitled "Internal Stuggle." Jones is taught by Susan Milles. He is the son of Robert and Nancy Jones and a resident of Rock Hill. The second and third place entries will be displayed in one of Spratt's S.C. offices.

Honorable mentions were awarded to C.J. Bersabe (Wilson Hall Academy, Sumter), Paul DeWitt (Rock Hill High School), Danielle Johnson (Gaffney High School), Tasha McRae (Darlington High School), Kellie Monohan (Thomas Sumter Academy), Kristin Trecinski (Wilson Hall Academy, Sumter), and Michael Wasco (Gaffney High School).

Harriet Goode of Rock Hill served as this year's judge. She is a renowned local artist and art instructor.

This year's competition featured 53 participants representing ten high schools from across the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Spratt thanked everyone who submitted an entry and helped with the event, and he extended congratulations to the top three winners and to the students who won honorable mention for their art.

“I look forward to this competition every year,” said Spratt. “And every year, the entries are impressive. They prove the value of making art a part of our school curricula. Our art competitions would be impossible without local support, and my thanks go to the Rock Hill Center for the Arts, to Harriet Goode, as well as to the art students and their teachers who made this contest a success.”

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