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March 11, 2009

Dear Art Teacher or Principal,

I am pleased to invite your school to participate in the 28th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

I will be sponsoring this annual art competition and exhibition for high school students who reside in New York's 19th Congressional District at the lodge at **Tilly Foster Farm** in Putnam County. Submitted artwork from across the district will be selected by jurors for inclusion in the exhibit at the Tilly Foster Farm lodge from May 11th to May 30th. The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol alongside artwork from Congressional Districts throughout the country. In addition, the runners-up in my competition will have their work displayed in my Congressional offices. I hope that you will encourage your students to participate. All students who reside in or attend school in the 19th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries.

In honor of the year long celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's river journey, this year's art competition will have an honorable mention for the art piece that best represents a **Quadracentennial of Discovery**. Just as the Hudson River and valley have inspired artists for over 400 years, I challenge today's young artists to be inspired by this beautiful area. I encourage broad interpretation of this theme and am eager to see the creativity and variety of artistic work that comes from it, as well as all the art work submitted.

Participating students must complete the enclosed "Student Information & Release Form." This form needs to be completed and signed by the student and a faculty member and faxed to my Carmel office at (845) 228-1480 no later than Friday, April 24, 2009. The original of this form should then be affixed to the back of the artwork when it is delivered to the exhibition site. **Any student submitting his/her form after the April 24th deadline may be prevented from participating in the competition.**

The guidelines for suitability and framing are enclosed. Please read the material carefully, as both Tilly Foster and the U.S. Capitol have specific requirements for hanging artwork. Information and forms are also available on my website: johnhall.house.gov

Artwork may be delivered to Tilly Foster during the following days and times (with "Participating Student Form" affixed to back of artwork):

Friday, May 1, 2009 from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Artwork will be available for pickup May 30th, 2008 at the conclusion of the exhibit period.

I will be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Reception to honor all participants at the Lodge (building 8) at Tilly Foster on **Monday, May 11, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. I hope that all participants and their families, teachers, principals and friends will attend to view this unique showcase for the talents of the area's young artists. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please contact my Executive Assistant, Elizabeth Soto at 845-225-3641 ext. 371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

John J. Hall
Member of Congress