Washington, DC -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL 13) congratulated Gemma Hyndes of Holmes Beach for representing the 13th Congressional District in the Congressional Art Competition display that opened today in Washington, D.C.

“I am very impressed by your talent and your commitment to your work,” said Buchanan. “I congratulate you, your parents, and your teachers and I am proud to have the work of one of my constituents on display in the halls of Congress.”

Hyndes, is a junior at Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School in Bradenton. Her black and white picture of a young ballerina was judged by Ringling Museum curator of collections, Dr. Stephen Borys to be the best among 15 entries to the 13th Congressional District Art Competition. The photograph entitled “The Inner Me” will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, along with art competition winners from across the nation.