Washington, D.C. – Last week, Representative David Price (NC-04) hosted a reception at the Durham Arts Council for finalists in this year's Fourth District Congressional Art Competition. At the reception Branden James, a student at Durham's Southern High School was announced as the competition winner for his drawing entitled "Mechanics."

The annual competition brings together student artwork from across the Fourth District with the winner of the competition receiving a $1,500 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design and a $100 U.S. Savings Bond (courtesy of AT&T). Jerry's Artarama presented gifts to all the students who entered the contest and the top four students and their art teachers received gift bags from Downtown Durham, Inc. The 1st Place winner will also travel to Washington later this year courtesy of SouthWest Airlines to attend the opening of an exhibit featuring winning entries from across the country. Winning entries will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year.

"I have always been impressed by the pieces students bring to the Congressional Arts Competition," Rep. Price said. "I look forward to welcoming Branden in Washington and sharing each of the winners' pieces with constituents."

Also placing in the competition were:

2nd Place – Kristen Hutchinson, Northwood High School – art to be displayed in Rep. Price's Washington, D.C. office.

3rd Place – Sonya Zhang, Green Hope High School – art to be displayed in Rep. Price's Raleigh office

Honorable Mention – Blair Torres, Cardinal Gibbons High School – to be displayed in Rep. Price's Durham Office

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