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## Glendale student wins congressional art contest

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Emily Wilker, a senior at Springfield Glendale High School, took top honors in the 13th Annual Seventh Congressional District High School Art Competition held at the Springfield Art Museum on Thursday night.

The contest, sponsored by Rep. Roy Blunt, drew 19 entries. Wilker's watercolor portrait of a Guatemalan orphan titled "Genesis Baby," was judged the best in show by art faculty members from six Southwest Missouri colleges and universities.

Wilker's winning painting will hang in the U.S. Capitol complex for a year starting in June.

Wilker's life-like portrait is the result of her participation in The Memory Project. Started in 2003 by Wisconsin graduate student Ben Schumaker, The Memory Project is described as "a unique initiative in which advanced high school art students create original portraits for children who have been abandoned, orphaned, abused, or neglected." Art students, like Wilker, receive pictures of children who are waiting for portraits. Once finished, the portraits are delivered to the children.

Wilker has completed four such portraits for orphaned children, but "Genesis Baby" could not be sent to the child because materials used in the painting were not easily protected. A copy was made for the child and the original entered in the 7th District High School competition.

"What a great story," Blunt said.

Wilker is the daughter of Karl and Julie Wilker. She expects to enter the Kansas City Art Institute on scholarship this fall. For Glendale High School, it's the fifth time one of art teacher Tracy Bruton's students has won one of the three top prizes.

Judges awarded an honorable mention to Springfield Kickapoo High School senior Vincent Penka for his ball point pen/acrylic titled "Quixotic." Penka's work will be displayed in Congressman Blunt's Springfield Constituent Service Office on East Sunshine over the next year. Nick Magnifico, a senior at Strafford High School also won honors with his untitled pen and ink drawing. His work will be displayed in Blunt's Joplin Constituent Service Office in NorthPark Mall.

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Emily Wilker receives her first-place ribbon from Rep. Roy Blunt in Springfield on Thursday night. (Office of Rep. Roy Blunt)

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