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CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS BY MARITIME INDUSTRY ACADEMY STUDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BALTIMORE, MD – As part of the Black History Month celebration, the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) hosted the opening reception yesterday for an exhibit of art works by 30 students from the Maritime Industries Academy. U.S. Representative Elijah E. Cummings and MPA Executive Director James J. White welcomed visitors to the exhibit in the lobby of the World Trade Center in downtown Baltimore.

“Since becoming Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation in the Congress, I have been working closely with Baltimore’s entire maritime community to ensure that the Maritime Industries Academy fulfilled the promise inherent in its name by teaching a wide-ranging maritime curriculum to students,” said Congressman Cummings.

“The MPA has been a truly outstanding partner to this effort. Their organization of this art exhibition, which gives students at Maritime the opportunity to display their work at the MPA’s corporate headquarters, is just the latest example of the critical support the MPA has provided to Maritime,” he continued.

The MPA has made a commitment to provide resources for teacher training in courses that relate to maritime commerce. In addition to the technical information, the MPA’s Educational Outreach program also acts as advisor to members of the school’s board of directors on matters of maritime issues.

“We are pleased to be part of an exciting educational concept that will broaden the horizons and employment opportunities for the students at the Maritime Industries Academy,” said James J. White, MPA Executive Director. “Most Maryland high school students are not aware of the thousands of good paying jobs available at the Port of Baltimore. Working with the Academy, we hope to share our resources to the students so they are aware of the benefits of a career at the Port of Baltimore.”

The exhibition of art works range from drawings and acrylic paintings to collages. The exhibition will remain on display throughout the month of February. Visitors over the age of 18 will be required to present identification before viewing the exhibit. Exhibition hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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