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STUDENT'S ARTWORK TO BE DISPLAYED AT WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – When the 2018 White House Easter Egg Roll takes place in Washington, D.C. on April 2, visitors will be reminded of Kentucky thanks to the artwork of Kentucky School for the Deaf sophomore Ben Shirley.

This year the White House invited a school from each state to decorate a 4'x2' egg that will be displayed as guests enter the event. Only five colors could be used and the design had to be emblematic of the state. Shirley created his artwork digitally in hues of vivid pink, green, yellow, blue and brown by using his finger on a touch screen. It depicts Kentucky's capitol, horses, the twin spires of Churchill Downs, bourbon barrels and a sun with the text, "the sun shines bright."

Shirley is from Marion, Ky. and is identified as gifted and talented in visual art. He is a finalist to attend the Governor's School for the Arts this summer. Shirley's aspirations include a future in the field of psychology, culinary, or visual art. At this point, he isn't exactly sure which field, and says in a perfect world he would pursue all three.

Each year, thousands of guests from across the nation gather on the South Lawn of the White House for games, storytelling, entertainment and egg rolling. The tradition of the White House Easter Egg Roll dates back to 1878 and President Rutherford B. Hayes.

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