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waterSmartSM Honors 15 Cobb County Elementary Students in 17th Annual Tappy Turtle Artist Challenge

MARIETTA, Ga. (March 29, 2022) – The Cobb County Water System and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) congratulate the 15 Cobb County elementary school students selected as this year's winners of the 17th Annual Tappy Turtle Artist Challenge.

The Artist Challenge invited fourth and fifth grade students to draw Tappy Turtle, Cobb Water System's water conservation mascot, demonstrating water conservation tips. The challenge received over 400 entries from 11 participating schools.

The Adventures of Tappy Turtle 2022 coloring book will be distributed throughout the community and is available for free download at www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart. Winning artists were also honored at an evening virtual reception on Monday, March 14.

This year's winners are:

Julia S., Fourth grade, Blackwell Elementary

Reagan P., Fifth grade, Due West Elementary

Addison F., Fifth grade, Bullard Elementary

Olubukunola A., Fifth grade, Pickett's Mill Elementary

Jonah L., Fourth grade, Mountain View Elementary

David T., Fourth grade, Green Acres Elementary

Ashley M., Fifth grade, Compton Elementary

Niranjan H., Fifth grade, King Springs Elementary

Leah W., Fifth grade, Due West Elementary

Kareena L., Fourth grade, Pitner Elementary

Isaac G., Fifth grade, Varner Elementary

Alida L., Fourth grade, King Springs Elementary

McKenzie T., Fourth grade, Bells Ferry Elementary

Noah S., Fifth grade, Varner Elementary

Riya K., Fifth grade, Mountain View Elementary

Riya K., the cover art winner of this year's contest, reminded residents to fill a refillable water bottle from the tap, which saves water and reduces your environmental footprint. Her drawing will be showcased on the front cover of the coloring book.

This year's edition of *The Adventures of Tappy Turtle* is the first to feature bilingual text in Spanish and English.

The waterSmartSM program was initiated by CCMWA in 2000, to educate their service area residents of all ages that indoor and outdoor water conservation is a key factor in building a legacy of a sustainable water supply for the community.