

teenager. And if that's not enough, he is always offering to perform at charity events to help small communities raise money throughout the Delta.

So, after migrating from his birthplace in Homer, Louisiana, after getting an early start on his Blues career when he moved to Chicago in 1953, and recording his first number one hit eighteen years later in 1971, with six decades of singing the Blues, Bobby Rush has settled on his Mississippi roots in Jackson, Mississippi in 1983. His great-grandmother and grandfather were from Jackson, Mississippi. And I am glad to be working on his behalf as well.

When Bobby Rush is not out of state touring or participating in a charity event, you just might catch him performing for fun and entertainment at a local night club somewhere in Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a humanitarian and blues musician from the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, Mr. Bobby Rush.

---

RECOGNIZING BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 12TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 19, 2012*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize Brooks Elementary School's 12th annual Veteran's Day Program in Fayette County, Georgia, on November 9, 2012. This is a momentous event for the 3rd district, and I am proud to help honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's brave veterans so that we may live free.

This is the 12th consecutive year that the Brooks Community has invited Veterans to their school to honor their service to our country. The annual program includes a breakfast for these brave men and women and the school uses the occasion to express their gratitude and appreciation. The breakfast is followed by a program presented by the elementary students and the Sandy Creek Color Guard. Lastly, there is a parade with the Veterans and their families around the town of Brooks featuring the Whitewater High School Marching Band.

In the past, more than 120 veterans have attended the program and this year they are expecting even more. This program is a testament of Brooks Elementary School's mission to strive for excellence by creating an environment that is focused on improving academic performance, and providing opportunities that develop responsible citizens and lifelong achievers. I know that this program has taught the students of Brooks Elementary the value of patriotism, which is an essential part of each American's education.

I would like to thank all of our Veterans and the Brooks community that have continually made the Veteran's Day Program a success. It is vital that students everywhere are taught the importance of our history and national service firsthand, like the students of Brooks Element in Fayette County, Georgia.

PLAINS SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTEES

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 19, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Paul Gosiewski, James Jesikiewicz, Stephen Krushnowski, Heather Susek, and Alfonso Zangardi for their induction into the Plains Sports Hall of Fame in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Plains Sports Hall of Fame recognizes local athletes who demonstrate a lifelong commitment to athletics and have excelled in sports both during and after high school and college.

Mr. Gosiewski graduated from Plains Memorial High School in 1957 where he served as a starting guard for the Red Raiders. After graduation, Mr. Gosiewski served in the United States Marine Corps for 12 years and competed as a member of the Marine Corps wrestling team.

Mr. Jesikiewicz graduated from Coughlin High School in 1983 where he was a member of the golf and basketball teams. During his time on the basketball team, James scored 1,069 points and recorded 624 assists for the Crusaders. He was named a Wyoming Valley Conference All Star in 1982 and 1983.

Mr. Krushnowski graduated from Coughlin High School in 1990 where he was a varsity letter-winning member of the football, wrestling, and basketball teams. Mr. Krushnowski continued his wrestling career at Mansfield University and was a three-time place finisher in the NCAA Division II national qualifier.

Ms. Susek graduated from Coughlin High School in 2007 where she was a member of the soccer, track and field, and field hockey teams. As a member of the Syracuse University field hockey team, Heather was selected to the Big East All Conference Team in 2010 and was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 2011.

Mr. Zangardi is a graduate of Seton Catholic High School where he participated in golf, basketball, and baseball. As a member of the Plains American Legion baseball team, he received the Rookie of the Year Award in 1995 and the Coach's Award in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pleasure that I commend Paul Gosiewski, James Jesikiewicz, Stephen Krushnowski, Heather Susek, and Alfonso Zangardi as they are inducted into the Plains Sports Hall of Fame.

---

HONORING MR. FRED FLOWERS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 19, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable gospel singer, Fred Flowers. Mr. Flowers was raised in Shelby, Mississippi by his parents Mr. Nathaniel Flowers and Mary Pippins.

Mr. Flowers attended church regularly and sang gospel songs at the request of his grandmother Ms. Mary Hall. Upon graduating from Shelby High School he attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi where he enjoyed listening to the renowned Rust College

Acapella Choir. It was during this time he developed a love for Acapella singing. After graduating from Rust College with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology, he furthered his education at Coahoma Community College, graduating with a Certificate in Practical Nursing. He also attended Mississippi Delta Community College graduating with an Associate Degree in Nursing, and Delta State University where he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing. Mr. Flowers has worked 16 years as an Emergency Nursing specialist. His colleagues tell stories of Fred singing gospel songs to his patients which calms their fears.

After marrying Ms. Kerrin Williams and moving to Ruleville, Mississippi, he joined Delmar Avenue Church of Christ and made a decision that he was going to do more than sing privately in his car, at home or to his patients. Fred began to take the lead role singing church songs. He enjoys singing at church because his singing provides encouragement to the hearts and souls of the congregation. His singing has impacted his four sons, Darrell, Deracius, Fredarian and Justin so much that they enjoy harmonizing with him during their family activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Fred Flowers as an inspirational gospel singer.

---

HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROVISION  
ATTACHED TO H.J. RES. 117,  
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION OF 2013

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 19, 2012*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative HINOJOSA submit the following:

Educational success depends on well-prepared, qualified, and effective teachers, leaders and other support professionals. We believe that establishing and continuing to improve programs that train, develop, and support these professions must be integral in elementary and secondary education.

Unfortunately, we know that in too many states and districts across the country, students with the greatest needs are being taught by teachers with little or no training, including those enrolled in alternative route teacher preparation programs. That is why we are glad H.J. Res. 117 requires the Department of Education to provide to Congress—and the Nation—comprehensive information on the extent to which our highest-need students, including students with disabilities, English learners, students from rural communities, and low-income students, are being taught by teachers-in-training who are enrolled in alternative route programs, disaggregated by state and district, as well as by student subgroups. The data that will be included in this report should be made public and disseminated to parents and other interested parties so that it is understandable and actionable.

Specifically, the provision requires the Secretary of Education to submit a report to Congress by 12/31/13 that provides a comprehensive picture, with state-level and LEA data, on the extent to which the following categories of