

Division III State Dual Title and Team Title. This is the second consecutive year in which the Comets are state champions in both events.

In the state dual meet, the Comets fought back after losing three out of their first four matches to secure a 52–23 victory over Milan Edison. Individually, Oscar Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Dustin Morgillo, Kevin Contos, and James Limongi all won state titles. The Comets cruised to the title by setting a D–III record by scoring 162 points.

The Genoa community should be proud of the effort from these student-athletes and the dedication, hard-work, and mental fortitude it takes to compete at such a high level. Congratulations to Coach Bob Bergman and the Comets on the state titles. Well done, Genoa wrestling.

## SAVE THE INTERNET ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1644) to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission:

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Chair, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) partisan vote to rollback net neutrality regulations implemented under the Obama Administration was extremely troubling and quite wrong. Allowing internet service providers (ISPs) to charge for "fast lanes" would alter the internet significantly.

The idea that broadband internet access is an information service, rather than a telecommunications service, was a convenient legal-fiction in the 90s when broadband was in an infancy, to help speed its adoption. But classifying broadband as anything other than telecommunication service today is intellectually empty.

The argument the FCC puts forward that broadband is an information service because it offers domain name resolution is laughable. According to the FCC, you aren't buying internet access you are buying a DNS service, something I'm willing to bet 98 percent of broadband customers have never heard of.

It must be a triumph of marketing genius that broadband providers have sold 98 percent of their customers something that they have never heard of, or even knew they had. Under this logic, I guess telephone lines aren't telecommunication services, but phonebook information services.

Likewise, the FCC's argument that somehow net neutrality has harmed broadband deployment has not only been directly contradicted for years by broadband providers' statements to shareholders, one only needs to look at Comcast for an example of how wrong the FCC is.

Because of the consent decree it agreed to for its purchase of NBC Universal, Comcast was subject to net neutrality longer than any other broadband provider, from 2011 to 2018. In those 7 years, the average Comcast broadband connection went from 18 megabits per second to 69 megabits per second. In

2017, Comcast had the fastest national Speed Score according to internet speed test company Ookla.

As for the concerns around the reclassification itself, the FCC never attempted to use any of the Title II authorities that broadband companies were allegedly concerned about. In fact, the FCC barred themselves from doing so in the original net neutrality order.

By voting in favor of H.R. 1644, we will be codifying this forbearance, effectively preventing any future FCC from undoing that forbearance without Congress.

The Internet has become an indispensable part of all aspects of modern life. And our reliance on it as a neutral gateway will only increase. It would be irresponsible of Congress not to protect the openness and freedom of the Internet that has made so much possible.

I can't fathom why this isn't a bipartisan issue, but to quote Wade Randlett, founder of TechNet: "The GOP seems to think that Orwellian language is going to work on the world's smartest people. . . . If you say net neutrality is government regulation—and if you think there's anyone in the valley who thinks that's a true statement—you're already dead in the water. They would be better off just saying, 'We respectfully disagree.'"

I am a proud original cosponsor of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act, and urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

## CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, forty years ago today, President Carter signed the Taiwan Relations Act, which established a new chapter in the United States relationship with Taiwan. The Taiwan Relations Act allowed the people of the United States and Taiwan to continue commercial, cultural, and other relations even after the United States government had changed its diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing earlier that year.

One of the most integral parts of this legislation was the establishment of the American Institute in Taiwan. This organization's directive was to carry out programs, transactions and any other forms of relations by the United States government with respect to Taiwan.

Today, I want to recognize the hard work done by the personnel at the American Institute in Taiwan, past and present. The AIT has served a unique role for the past four decades in regards to United States diplomacy in East Asia. Staffed by employees from various agencies throughout the U.S. government, AIT manages the day-to-day security and defense, economic and commercial, and people-to-people aspects of our close relationship with Taiwan.

As the United States-Taiwan relationship continues to grow, I hope the American Institute in Taiwan will continue to play an important role in strengthening our friendship with Taiwan.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF  
ERMIA'S JOSEPH ASGHEDOM,  
KNOWN ALSO AS NIPSEY  
HUSSE, AND HIS CONTRIBU-  
TIONS TO SOUTH LOS ANGELES

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, may this entry serve as enduring recognition of the legacy lived and left by Ermias Joseph Asghedom, known to his community and the neighborhoods of South Los Angeles and beyond, as Nipsey Hussle.

Nipsey Hussle was born in the Hyde Park neighborhood of South Los Angeles in 1985. His father was the only member of his own family in Eritrea to move to the United States, where he met Nipsey Hussle's mother. As a teen, Nipsey attended Alexander Hamilton High School, as did I, as did many in South Los Angeles. He went on to pursue a music career that would touch millions, culminating in national recognition for his studio album "Victory Lap".

An innovator, entrepreneur and community investor, Nipsey Hussle used the platform he created with his music to further demonstrate not only his business savvy, but his love and pride for where he came from in addition to showing the importance of community ownership and reinvestment. In the same way he went from selling mixtapes on the corner of Crenshaw and Slauson to owning the masters of his GRAMMY-nominated album, Nipsey Hussle went from trademarking his clothing line, to owning the stores selling his trademarked clothing line, to owning the shopping plaza where the store selling his clothing line was located.

Marathon Clothing is a technologically ground-breaking store that could have been opened anywhere. Nipsey Hussle opened it on Slauson and Crenshaw. South Los Angeles was where he invested; opening a barbershop and two restaurants in that same intersection, reopening the World on Wheels skating rink in Mid-City, and partnering with Vector 90, one of the first work spaces and incubators in South L.A. designed to support black and brown entrepreneurship locally. He also worked with the Los Angeles City Council on Destination Crenshaw, a project to be built for, by, and in honor of our community in celebration of the historical and contemporary contributions of Black L.A. and the Crenshaw community.

Throughout his projects, Nipsey Hussle brought the neighborhood with him. In working to ensure that the community was knowledgeable about their economic power, Nipsey Hussle made sure to give jobs to residents in the neighborhood who were struggling, some of which were homeless and formerly incarcerated. He once provided a pair of shoes to every student at 59th Street Elementary School and also donated to renovate the school's playground and basketball courts. He inspired many others in the entertainment industry to actively invest in South Los Angeles neighborhoods as well.

A humble visionary, Nipsey Hussle initiated peace in a community where experiences of systematic injustices appear in the form of police brutality and gang violence. He saw the overlooked and welcomed the dismissed. He

was an activist working to reduce gun violence in the community, hosting demonstrations and symposiums over the years. He was slated to meet with the Los Angeles Police Department about reducing gun violence in the community the day after he was murdered.

He taught and reminded our community that the power we hold is the power we come from and that awareness of our power is something no one can take from us. Nipsey Hussle will be remembered as a visionary, as a protector, as an inspiration, as a philanthropist, as a father, as a brother and as an unabashed son of South Los Angeles. For all he was given, he gave back. And for that legacy, South Los Angeles has been changed forever.

#### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina as it celebrates its 150th anniversary and to congratulate Reverend Dr. Calvin E. Robinson, Jr. and his congregation on this significant milestone in the life of the church and congregation. This historic congregation was founded during the Reconstruction Era and throughout its history has been a beacon in times of joy and sorrow for the Florence community.

Trinity Baptist Church had its humble beginnings in a home on Front Street. Thereafter a group of faithful Christians came together and purchased the lot adjoining the present edifice and the first framed building was constructed. The structure allowed the church to continue to grow and flourish under the leadership of Reverend Wesley J. Parnell.

After a period of significant growth, the church moved to its current location where membership nearly doubled in the first few years. On one occasion two hundred members were baptized on the same day.

Under the pastorate of Reverend Charles T. Taylor the church organized the Missionary Society and an outstanding field effort to establish Morris College in 1908, which is owned by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina—an organization that Trinity Baptist helped to found and organize. I am particularly pleased with this effort because both my parents obtained degrees from Morris.

Under the leadership of a previous pastor, Reverend William P. Diggs, the church experienced unprecedented growth, greatly increasing its giving to missions, benevolences and education. In 1968, the church was expanded to include an education building and the sanctuary was extensively renovated. This new renovation and expansion helped the church to grow its education mission. It also provided the church with a choir room and a fellowship hall. The church has grown other missions including the Junior Missionary Society, Gospel Choir, Sunday School, and the Young Women's Auxiliary.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me in commending Trinity Baptist Church for one hundred fifty years of faith-

ful service. Its members continue to be beacons of hope in Florence, providing compassion and care for, not only its members, but also the least among us. I congratulate Trinity Baptist Church for its rich history and look forward to continue witnessing the good works of the church as it continues to grow and serve.

#### GLASS-STEAGALL

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Return to Prudent Banking Act of 2019, a bill to reinstate the Glass-Steagall Act. In the wake of the Great Depression, the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act was passed in order to separate commercial and investment banks, and prevent Wall Street from gambling with the head-earned money of the American people.

Tragically, the big banks and their crony lobbyists pushed Congress to repeal the law in 1999. This deeply misguided deregulation may have benefitted a few wealthy bankers. However, it opened the floodgates to the growth of financial institutions that are too big to fail and encouraged the type of risky behaviors that led to the crash of the American financial system in 2008.

Although we made significant progress with the Dodd-Frank Act, large commercial and investment banks are still tied together in an institutional risk which poses dramatic systemic risk to the financial well-being of our country. I urge my colleagues to join me in passing the Prudent Banking Act to reimplement the vital protections of the Glass-Steagall Act that serve to ensure the security and stability of our financial system.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND DR. MARCUS J. GIBSON

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God and friend of longstanding, Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson, who will celebrate his 20th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Anniversary worship services will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at the church.

Rev. Gibson is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who served our nation honorably as a U.S. Army officer from 1995 to 1999, after graduating from Watson Chapel High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a Master of Divinity degree from the Morehouse School of Religion, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from the McCormick Theological Seminary. Over the years, he has continued to encourage others to pursue advanced education through his service as an Adjunct Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies at the Beulah Heights University Columbus extension site.

Always seeking to improve the craft of Christian ministry and discipleship, Rev. Gibson has served as President of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Association Congress of Christian Education, President of the Metro-Columbus Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Dean of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia Congress of Christian Education.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Rev. Gibson is an active member of many civic organizations where he continuously devotes his time and energy to his community. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and is a Master Mason in Electric Light Lodge No. 45, Arkansas Jurisdiction (Prince Hall Affiliation). Furthermore, Rev. Gibson has served as a member of the Muscogee County (Georgia) Sheriff's Advisory Board; a member of the Mayor's Commission on Unity, Diversity, and Prosperity; a member of the Citizens Trust Bank Columbus Advisory Board; and has worked with numerous other community-based organizations within the Columbus, Georgia area.

Rev. Gibson has achieved much in his life, but none of it would be possible but for the Grace of God and the love and the support of his son, MarDarius; and his daughter, MarKayla.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the congregation of Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church and more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson on this joyous occasion. A man of great accomplishment, he is an outstanding mentor, strong leader, and prominent community activist, but above all, he is a faithful servant of God.

#### MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 2019

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Menstrual Products Right to Know Act. This legislation would make menstrual hygiene products safer by ensuring that women know what they are putting in their bodies. This bill would require manufacturers of commonly used menstrual hygiene products, such as scented and unscented pads, cups, and scented and unscented tampons, to label the ingredients in these items, and list them in descending order of concentration.

We can easily see the ingredients used in the shampoo we put in our hair; these same transparency requirements should apply to products that touch, or are inserted to, sensitive female anatomy. Consumers are being denied access to crucial information, which affects their safety and impacts their ability to make informed choices.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Menstrual Products Right to Know Act.