

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 ERMIAS JOSEPH ASGHEDOM, KNOWN ALSO AS NIPSEY HUSSLE, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS 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