

the child tax credit in the working families tax bill is that it is, in fact, permanent. It will not be reduced. It will not expire. That is something that didn't happen when the Democrats were in charge a few years ago on the child tax credit. They made it temporary.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we all remember that famous iconic final scene in the movie "Thelma and Louise," two women in a red convertible, pedal down, driving straight off the edge of a cliff.

For working Americans, that is exactly what many saw coming, a \$4 trillion tax hike that would have put families in the passenger seat while the left drove full speed toward the edge. No brakes, no plan, and no way out of impending disaster.

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Mr. Speaker, this tax day, House Republicans refuse to let that be the ending.

With the Working Families Tax Cut Act, we turned the wheel. We changed the direction, and we put working people back in control of their own hard-earned money.

No tax on tips, no tax on overtime, a new deduction for Social Security benefits, a new deduction for auto loan interest on American-made vehicles, a new higher standard deduction, a stronger tax credit, all of these mean the same thing, Mr. Speaker: More take-home pay, more breathing room, and more opportunities for the families who make this country work and the families who pay the bills.

The Working Families Tax Cut Act is real relief for real people: parents juggling rising costs, workers picking up extra shifts, and seniors who spent a lifetime paying in and deserve to keep a little bit more of what they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, instead of driving off of the cliff, Republicans have written a happy ending, one where hardworking American taxpayers keep more of what they earn and drive forward with confidence and certainty.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, talk about driving off of the cliff. That Florida district where my friend represents is going to drive off of the cliff.

Mr. Speaker, 22,000 people in his district will face nutrition cuts, 91,000 people will lose their health coverage, and 486 jobs are going to be lost due to canceling clean energy credits.

If that is not a steep enough cliff to drive off of, try this one: \$4.2 trillion added to our national debt. Those constituents in Florida have some responsibility for that debt, just like the rest of our constituents do.

As far as the tax credit for the children that my friend talked about, it is permanent. It is permanent for rich kids. Poor kids won't get the whole credit because it isn't fully refundable.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. FONG).

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, for Californians who are losing more and more of their paychecks to taxes, taxes that too often fund Gavin Newsom's endless boondoggles, real relief isn't just welcome. It is overdue.

Thanks to President Trump, Chairman SMITH, and House Republicans, that relief is here. On July 4, 2025, we delivered the largest working families tax cut in American history. The result is no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, the child tax credit boosted to \$2,200 per child and made permanent, taxes on Social Security slashed, and a \$1,000 Trump tax account for every newborn American.

It also means expanding opportunity through the Federal education tax credit scholarship program so that parents can choose the best education for their child.

There is relief for farmers, small businesses, and manufacturers.

There is now more investment happening in California. We are already seeing the results.

Thanks to this historic legislation, average tax refunds are nearing \$4,000 this year, over 15 percent higher than 2024. That is real money that families can use for gas, groceries, or invest in their child's future.

At the end of the day, it is simple: You earned your money. You deserve to keep it.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California has 2 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Missouri has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, this debate comes down to a simple question: Who is this resolution really for? It is not for the families in my district and not for the workingmen and -women who are paying more at the pump, more at the grocery store, and more for healthcare. It is not for the workers who were promised relief and got far less than what was advertised. It is not for the folks across all of our districts who are going to pay \$1,700 more in tariff taxes this year.

It is for those at the very top, and it adds \$4.2 trillion to our national debt. That is \$4.2 trillion to our national debt.

Democrats believe that the tax code should work for working people, not just the wealthy or the well-connected. This resolution fails that test.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the working families tax cuts were written for the working families of this country by the working families of this country.

After I became chairman, the first hearing that the Ways and Means Committee held was not here in Wash-

ington. It was at a lumberyard in Petersburg, West Virginia, "The State of the American Economy: Appalachia."

We then traveled across the country, listening to workers and job creators and families in Yukon, Oklahoma; in Peachtree City, Georgia; and in Erie, Pennsylvania. We heard directly from waiters and waitresses, factory workers, retirees, welders, and small business owners about how tax relief would benefit them.

Under this bill, a family of four who makes less than \$73,000 a year will have zero in Federal tax liability. This is tax relief for Americans who need it the most.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1174, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

HONORING J. MASON DAVIS

(Ms. SEWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life, legacy, and service of J. Mason Davis, an attorney from Alabama, a towering figure in Alabama's legal community, and a steadfast advocate for justice, equality, and human dignity.

Mr. Davis passed away on April 4, 2026, at the age of 90, a profound loss for Alabama and for all who believe in the power of law to advance fairness and opportunity.

Mr. Davis pursued his education with distinction and determination, graduating from Talladega College and later earning his law degree from Howard University School of Law.

Mr. Davis then returned to Alabama. He entered a legal landscape defined by segregation and entrenched inequality. Rather than accept those conditions, he challenged them. He became one of the first Black attorneys to practice in Birmingham's courts, and he used his skill, courage, and conviction to represent individuals and communities who had long been denied a voice.

Beyond the courtroom, Mr. Davis was a mentor, a teacher, and a bridge-builder. He served in leadership roles at one

of Alabama's most respected law firms and helped open doors of opportunity for young attorneys to follow in his footsteps. His contributions were numerous.

Alabama is a better place because J. Mason Davis lived, worked, and served there. The legal profession is better because he insisted that it live up to its highest ideals. Our Nation is better because he never stopped believing in the possibility of a more just and inclusive society.

To his family, friends, colleagues, and all he shaped by his wisdom and generosity, we extend our deepest condolences. May they find comfort in knowing that his legacy endures in the laws that he changed, in the lives that he touched, and in the generation he led.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and legacy of J. Mason Davis, an Alabama icon and a national treasure.

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J. Mason Davis was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1932, at a time when the promise of equal justice under law was far from reality. Yet, from a young age, he believed deeply in that promise. He pursued education with determination, graduating from Talladega College and later earning his law degree from Howard University School of Law in Washington D.C.

When J. Mason Davis returned to Alabama, he entered a legal landscape defined by segregation and entrenched inequality. Rather than accept those conditions, he challenged them. He became one of the first Black attorneys to practice in Birmingham's courts, and he used his skill, courage, and conviction to represent individuals and communities who had long been denied a voice.

Throughout the Civil Rights Movement, he worked on cases that helped dismantle discrimination and expand opportunities for African Americans in the state.

He never sought the spotlight. He sought justice. And he pursued it with a quiet strength that earned him the respect of colleagues, judges, and community leaders spanning several generations.

Beyond the courtroom, J. Mason Davis was a mentor, a teacher, and a bridge-builder. He served in leadership roles at one of Alabama's most respected law firms, helping open doors of opportunity for young attorneys to follow in his footsteps. He chaired numerous organizations, including the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Central Alabama, and the Talladega College Board of Trustees, and served as a member of many legal and corporate boards throughout the state.

His contributions were recognized widely. In 2013, he received the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award for Human and Civil Rights, and in 2016, J. Mason Davis was officially inducted into the Birmingham Business Hall of Fame.

Perhaps his greatest legacy is the example he set—an example of integrity, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to the ideals of equality and justice.

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To his family, friends, colleagues, and all who were shaped by his wisdom and generosity, we extend our deepest condolences. May they find comfort in knowing that his legacy endures—in the laws he helped change, in the lives he touched, and in the generations of leaders he inspired.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and legacy of J. Mason Davis, not only for what he accomplished, but for what he made possible.

May his legacy continue to guide Alabama and our Nation for years to come.

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

(Mr. JACKSON of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an American giant and second lieutenant, the Honorable Jackie Robinson.

On this Jackie Robinson Day, we remember that when he stepped onto Ebbets Field on April 15, 1947, he broke not only the color barrier, he broke racial segregation in the hierarchy of sports.

He forced this Nation to confront its conscience. His courage, discipline, and unshakable dignity changed baseball forever. More importantly, it changed America for the better.

That is why it is disgusting when the Pentagon, under our current leadership, removed mention of Jackie Robinson's military service. Mr. Speaker, you cannot honor American history by erasing the very people who made it: Mr. O'Malley, the owner and Jackie Robinson, the player.

Jackie Robinson's legacy is not a DEI to be thrown away. It is patriotism. It is service to the country, and it is sacrifice. It is the truth.

Mr. Jackie Robinson was court-martialed for refusing to sit in the back of a segregated bus. You cannot understand American history, Mr. Speaker, without understanding the whole truth.

Jackie Robinson proved: Diversity is not a weakness in this country but is one of our greatest strengths.

Equity dismantles barriers allowing excellence to rise.

Inclusion expands opportunity, so we as a country become stronger.

Mr. Speaker, as we tell the full story of America, not a sanitized story, not an edited story, but the full story, we give the next generation the courage to keep pushing forward, to keep breaking barriers, and to speak the truth.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today not merely to remember a man, but to summon a truth—one

that this Nation has long struggled to face, and longer still to accept. We gather in the shadow and the light of Jackie Robinson, a man who did not simply step onto a baseball field, but stepped into the raging storm of America's conscience.

On April 15th, 1947, when he walked onto Ebbets Field, he carried more than a glove and a bat. He carried the weight of a people who had been told, for generations, to wait—to be patient—to accept less. And yet, he did not wait. He did not bow. He did not break. In his silence, there was thunder. In his restraint, there was revolution.

Jackie Robinson did not just change baseball. He exposed the lie at the heart of this country—that freedom could be partial, that dignity could be selective, that citizenship could be rationed. And in doing so, he forced America to see itself, perhaps for the first time, as it truly was.

And so it is a grave and troubling thing—though not, I must confess, a surprising one—that there are those even now who would dare to diminish his legacy. To erase his service. To tidy up history into something more palatable, more convenient, more false. There is nothing new in this impulse. America has always had talent for forgetting the very people who made it possible.

But you cannot honor this country by amputating its memory. You cannot claim patriotism while discarding truth. Jackie Robinson's life was not an accessory to history—it was a reckoning with it.

He proved something that this Nation has resisted understanding: that what we call diversity is not a threat, but a revelation; that what we call equity is not charity, but justice; that what we call inclusion is not concession, but the expansion of the American promise itself.

For the story of America, if it is to mean anything at all, must be told in full. Not the softened story, not the convenient story, but the whole, difficult, luminous truth.

Because only in that truth can we find the courage to continue—to insist that the barriers before us are not permanent, that the limits imposed upon us are not final.

Today, we honor Jackie Robinson not only as a ballplayer, but as a witness—as a man who testified, with his life, to the possibility of a more honest Nation. A more just one.

And if we are worthy of that testimony, we will remember this: that America is not measured by how well it protects the powerful, but by how fiercely it defends the dignity of all who step forward—against the odds, against the noise, against history itself—to claim their place at the plate.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 57 minutes