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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.

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I rise today to honor the extraordinary life, legacy, and service of Attorney J. Mason Davis, 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 the law to advance fairness and opportunity.

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

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3273. A letter from the Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Export-Import Bank, transmitting the Bank's Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2025, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 8(a) (as amended by Public Law 93-646, Sec. 10); (88 Stat. 2336); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3274. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Protecting Our Communications Networks by Promoting Transparency Regarding Foreign Adversary Control [GN Docket No.: 25-166] (RIN: 3060-AM37) received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3275. A letter from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting the Conference's FY 2025 No Fear Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3276. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2025 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3277. A letter from the General Counsel Performing the Duties of the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the Service's No FEAR Act Report for FY 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3278. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's FY 2025 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3279. A letter from the Chief of Staff, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's FY 2025 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3280. A letter from the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2025 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3281. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2025 No FEAR Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-3282. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Department's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2025 Management Area 1A Possession Limit Adjustment [Docket No.: 230316-0077; RTID 0648-XF104] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3283. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Southeast Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of America, and South Atlantic; 2025 Commercial Closure for Gag in the South Atlantic [Docket No.: 140819686-5999-02; RTID 0648-XF241] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3284. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skates in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID 0648-XE689] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3285. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer From New Jersey to North Carolina [Docket No.: 241203-0308; RTID 0648-XF222] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3286. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Massachusetts [Docket No.: 241203-0308; RTID 0648-XF218] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3287. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 250312-0036; RTID 0648-XF144] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3288. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 250312-0036; RTID 0648-XF144] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3289. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmit-

ting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; 2025 Commercial Atlantic Mackerel Fishery Closure [Docket No.: 240405-0100; RTID 0648-XF181] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3290. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to New York [Docket No.: 241203-0308; RTID 0648-XF177] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3291. A letter from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2026 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID: 0648-XF494] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3292. A letter from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2026 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID: 0648-XF395] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3293. A letter from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID: 0648-XF003] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3294. A letter from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2026 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications [Docket No.: 251208-0181; RTID: 0648-XF413] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3295. A letter from the Fisheries Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Longline Category Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XF427] received April 9, 2026, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3296. A letter from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic