

I applaud President Biden's leadership in the use of the Antiquities Act to create the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, which lifts up the story of the unjust killing of Emmett Till and the courage of his mother to reveal the brutal details. The nation needed to hear his story then and, as we continue to grapple with the horrors of racism, the world needs to continue to hear his story.

As a Christian faith leader, I acknowledge the need for atonement, which removes obstacles to reconciliation. We cannot heal as a society or a nation until we face the tragedy and pain of our collective history. By lifting up an important, yet painful, part of our shared history, the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument designation offers us this opportunity.

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