

I celebrate President Biden's leadership in designating the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument through the use of the Antiquities Act. Our National Monuments help tell the story of our historical, cultural and national heritage. I can think of no better way to honor our nation's history than by lifting up stories of Black tragedy and resilience.

The historic sites in Illinois and Mississippi tell the tragic story of Emmett Till and reminds us that racism and violence should not stand. As a Black Church leader, I know the importance of reconciliation, which cannot be achieved without truth telling. The designation of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, as well as future sites that tell the full story of Black history, gives us the opportunity for both truth and reconciliation.

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