The designation of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley as a National Monument is a step towards justice. Such a National Monument will enumerate Emmett Till's kidnapping, torture and death as well as document the injustice of acquitting his killers. The site will also, rightfully, emphasize Mamie Till-Mobley's relentless journey to ensure that Emmett Till's life, with the designation of this National Monument, can be honored.

It is fitting that this National Monument was designated on the day of his birth and ensures that his death was not in vain. As we seek a reconciled nation, we must first seek justice. The Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument does just that.

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