

The telling of the story of Emmett Till's tragic death is imperative for the whole country to recognize the harm and hate done to the Black community throughout US history, which is why I praise the designation of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument. The story of Emmett Till's pain and his mother's endurance to preserve his story is important to protect. By preserving this critical story that highlights our country's unjust and horrific lynching history by conserving the land which holds the story, we ensure that the narrative will remain.

Emmett Till funeral, showcased for all to see, is an important point in our Civil Rights journey as Black Americans. Our country's history tragically includes thousands of lynchings. Yet, until now, the National Park Service did not have any parks that tell this story.

Now is the time to preserve Black history and create impactful educational experiences through National Monuments such as this site that tell the fuller and honest account of American and Black history.

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