

I commend the Biden/Harris Administration for its work in designating the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument. The value and necessity of preserving places that shine a light on Black history cannot be overstated. The United States of America has many historic sites that have seen racial atrocities. The three sites of the Till-Mobley National Monument contain an important traumatic narrative, which this country would be wise to learn from.

With more than 4,700 lynchings occurring in the US in the late 1880s and through the 1960s, the tragedy that befell Emmett Till – abduction, torture and lynching – is important to tell. Mamie Till-Mobley fought tirelessly to ensure that we would all know of Emmett Till’s life and death. For this, we, as a nation, should be eternally grateful. For in the telling of this tragedy and the identifying the hatred that preceded it, we can work to guaranty that racial hatred came be named and irradiated.

As we celebrate the Till-Mobley National Monument, I urge the Biden/Harris Administration to identify additional narratives of Black history that can be outlined through National Monument designation.

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