

I commend the Biden-Harris Administration and President Biden's leadership in declaring the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley our newest National Monument. This monument, which tells the honest history and impacts of lynching, is long overdue.

The Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument holds the underheard story of Black tragedy and Black resilience. It showcases a horrific and tragic child lynching and highlights the fortitude and resilience of a mother's devotion.

Racism is a significant social ill and moral failing of our time—and lynching was a manifestation of this racism. As a nation, we are sorely in need of racial healing. This healing, however, cannot occur until we face our past even when that past is unconscionable.

National Monuments, which provide avenues to tell stories of trauma, can help us in our healing. For this reason, this particular National Monument is of critical importance.

Sincerely,  
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