

U.S. designates National Monuments to Emmett Till and his mother in Illinois and Mississippi

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Washington, July 27 (RHC)-- U.S. President Joe Biden has designated a national monument across three locations in Illinois and Mississippi honoring Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley.

On August 28, 1955, a white mob dragged Emmett Till from his great-uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, and lynched him. The 14-year-old African American boy had traveled that summer to the segregated South from his home in Chicago. Today would have been Emmett Till's 82nd birthday.

Over the weekend, residents of Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood celebrated the occasion with an ice cream social outside his childhood home, and they paid homage to Till at the Roberts Temple Church of Christ, which has just been designated a national monument. It was inside the church that Till's brutally beaten and disfigured body was displayed in an open casket at his funeral.

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