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ON BEHALF OF THE JESSE OWENS FAMILY AND THE JESSE OWENS FOUNDATION, I WISH TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE AND RELATIVES OF MOULTON AND OAKVILLE, ALABAMA FOR THEIR UNTIRING SUPPORT AND HARD WORK ON THE JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT. WE EMBRACE THEIR VISION OF PROVIDING AN AREA IN THEIR COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG AND OLD TO BENEFIT FROM THE VALUE OF ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL FITNESS AND EDUCATION.

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