

JESSE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK BOARD

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The Honorable Fob James
The Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, AL

Dear Governor James:

The Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board would like to inform you that we have secured funds to complete the Jesse Owens Memorial Park. We have received funds for the museum, track, pavilions and other Park facilities. However, one facility not covered is the Olympic Torch Court. The estimated cost of the Olympic Torch Court is \$25,000. Branko Medenica, sculptor of the Jesse Owens statue, will construct the torch replica. The torch will be a five foot stainless steel replica of the 1936 Olympic Torch sitting on a one foot granite base fueled by a 2,000 gallon underground propane tank, surrounded by a 10'x10' concrete and brick court. The name of the structure will be named after the contributor (i.e. State of Alabama Olympic Torch Court, Governor Fob James, June 29, 1996). Mrs. Ruth Owens, widow of Jesse Owens, will light this torch during the torch dedication ceremony on June 29, 1996. The torch flame will continuously burn to welcome visitors to the Park and Alabama.

Contributions to complete this facility should be made to the Jesse Owens Memorial Park Board which has a 501(C)(3) tax exempt status. The tax exempt number is 58-1948457.

The Board sincerely requests your consideration for this appropriate facility included in the Jesse Owens Memorial Park.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

James Pinion
Board Member