

# EDITORIALS

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## Owens symbolizes the Olympic spirit

Olympics bring out the best.

Nothing transcends all boundaries and barriers like the Olympics.

It was almost as if standing on sacred ground in Oakville recently when thousands gathered to honor the memory of Alabama's greatest Olympian. Many remembered, or thought they remembered, seeing Jesse Owens run like lightning and jump ditches and fences, barefoot, like none other before or since.

A lot of richly deserved ink has been spread about this wonderful athlete and person.

Almost lost in all the praise for Jesse Owens is the piece of world-class sculpture by a world-class sculptor. Branko Medenica of Mountain Brook further immortalized Owens in his larger-than-life bronze statue that now stands as a perpetual memorial to him on the very land where Owens had his beginning.

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