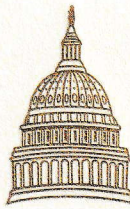


MARK R. WARNER
VIRGINIA



UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.
April 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

I am writing to join the City of Alexandria's Equal Justice Initiative Community Remembrance Project in remembering Joseph McCoy, Alexandria's first lynching victim.

Today, we gather together to reflect upon the life of Mr. McCoy and the many Black Americans who were heinously lynched in Alexandria and in communities across the United States during some of our darkest days. As Americans, we have a duty to share and remember our entire history--the good and the bad. Telling the whole story of the African American experience, from the tragedy of the enslaved Africans to the important contributions of Black Americans over the past four centuries of American life, is important to renewing our resolve to build a strong, inclusive future together.

I send my best wishes for a meaningful and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator