

they begin assignments across our Nation and around the world, these new Second Lieutenants will have the opportunity to lead our Soldiers through the challenges of military service. I have no doubt that the lessons they learned at West Point will serve them well as they take on this responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I extend my sincere congratulations to these graduates and their families. May they continue to lead with courage, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to defending our Constitution and our Nation. I wish each of them success as they begin this next chapter of their service to our country.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL ROBERT
W. RUST

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Robert W. Rust, whose actions helped prevent an assassination attempt on President John F. Kennedy before he took the oath of office.

Colonel Rust passed away on September 1, 2024, in Florida at the age of 96. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in March of 2025.

Colonel Rust had a long career in public service and law enforcement, serving as a Marine Patrol Officer for the City of Miami; Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice for the Southern District of Florida; Chief Assistant County Prosecutor; State Representative for the Palm Beach and Martin Counties in the Florida House of Representatives; and U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice for the Southern District of Florida from 1969 to 1977 before returning to privately practice law until his retirement in 1989. These are only a few of his many accomplishments and positions over his long life.

In December 1960, during his time as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice, he used his authority to protect the then President-Elect John Fitzgerald Kennedy by intercepting the attempted assassin Richard Paul Pavlick.

After his Presidential win, Kennedy vacationed at his family's estate in Palm Beach, Florida. Richard Pavlick followed Kennedy from New England to Florida, planning to carry out a suicide car bombing targeting the 35th President. Pavlick waited for an opportunity when Kennedy would not be with his wife, Jacqueline, and their two young children.

Acting on a tip from Postmaster Thomas Murphy of Belmont, New Hampshire, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Rust and John Marshall, Agent in Charge of the Secret Service for South Florida, intercepted Pavlick after he was detained by Palm Beach motorcycle police officer Lester Free for a traffic infraction. Agent Marshall persuaded Pavlick to sign a consent-to-search form, which led to the discovery that his car was filled with dynamite. Rust had traced Pavlick's purchase of the dynamite to New Hampshire, uncovering that Pavlick had followed President-elect Kennedy to Florida with the intent to assassinate him.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rust subsequently charged Pavlick federally with attempting to bomb a church, which had recently become a federal crime. At that time, it was not yet a federal crime to murder or threaten a President or President-elect; previous assassinations had been prosecuted only under state law. Rust and Marshall also persuaded Pavlick to sign a consent form to search his motel room. After obtaining his signed consent, they discovered a manifesto detailing his intent to assassinate Kennedy.

Around this time, the Secret Service detail assigned to Kennedy's Florida visit checked into a hotel across the street. Kennedy was scheduled to arrive in Palm Beach the following day. Rust and Marshall then walked the handcuffed Pavlick over to the Secret Service. Pavlick was ultimately committed to an institution after it was determined that he had a history of mental illness.

This attempt on President Kennedy's life is often overlooked due to an airline accident that occurred the same day and, of course, because of his tragic death nearly three years later.

Rust received the Secret Service Treasury Department Award of Merit in 1964, as well as a letter of commendation from U.S. Secret Service Chief U.E. Baughman.

In 1961, at the beginning of the 87th Congress, Public Law 87-829 was introduced and passed the following year, extending Secret Service protection to include Presidents-elect, Vice Presidents-elect, former presidents, and their families—considering the threat the previous December.

Without Colonel Rust's efforts, Pavlick could have inflicted great harm on the future President and innocent Americans around him. I am proud to honor his legacy with these remarks today.

RECOGNIZING HERMAN PORTER

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Herman Porter as the 2026 Kern County Fair Person of the Year and to thank him for his decades of dedicated service to the community.

Mr. Porter first became involved with the Kern County Fair in 1955 as a high school FFA member showing beef cattle. In 1963, he married his wife, Jeannette Ansolabehere, who was also a fair exhibitor, showing sheep. Together, they raised two daughters, both of whom participated in local 4-H programs. During this time, Herman became a leader of the local Cawelo 4-H Club and later the Southwest 4-H Club, where he helped young people learn responsibility and succeed. Over the years, his experience and guidance have helped countless exhibitors, including the 25 Kern County Fair Grand Champions he helped select and mentor.

Mr. Porter's contributions extend well beyond the show ring. He has been a steadfast leader on the Junior Livestock Committee, helping raise funds, supporting local livestock

auctions, and providing scholarships for community youth. Mr. Porter has also served on the Dairy and Clean Stall Committees, always willing to lend his time and experience to help make the fair a success.

For more than seven decades, Mr. Porter's dedication to the community and the fair has always been more than animal showing competition. He has encouraged young people, taught responsibility, and strengthened the agricultural traditions of the Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Herman Porter on being named the 2026 Kern County Fair Person of the Year and thanking him for his decades of service, leadership, and dedication to the Kern County community.

RECOGNIZING GLOBE
ENGINEERING'S 80TH ANNIVER-
SARY DURING AMERICA'S
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, this year Globe Engineering in Wichita is celebrating 80 years of manufacturing excellence in the Air Capital of the World.

Globe got its start in 1946 in the garage of Albert Nelson, Jr., a mechanical engineer who worked at Boeing Wichita during World War II. Before long, he won his first aircraft contract building drop tank frames. More aviation work followed, and he renamed the company Globe Engineering.

Eight decades later, that garage operation has grown into an aerospace supplier with a main campus of more than 400,000 square feet. The men and women of Globe build exhaust systems, tube assemblies, fuel and hydraulic lines, bulkheads, and propeller spinners for commercial, general aviation, and military aircraft. Globe plays an important role in supporting our national defense as well, supporting programs like the C-130 Hercules, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, CH-47 Chinook, and AH-64 Apache.

Kansans have designed and manufactured components and complex assemblies here for more than a century, and suppliers like Globe Engineering are why Wichita remains the Air Capital today. Their skilled workforce makes the parts and components that keep our skies safe and our military at the leading edge.

While this milestone for Globe Engineering is impressive, it is even more meaningful that it coincides with the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Aviation has been an important part of our nation's story throughout the last century, thanks to Kansas businesses like Globe. As we celebrate 250 years and look toward the next 250 years, I have full confidence that Globe Engineering will remain a critical part of our Nation's story.

I am grateful that Globe Engineering has called Wichita home for 80 years and continues to invest in the people of south central Kansas. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Kansas, congratulations.