

# CRUSADER WALL OF RECOGNITION

2019 INDUCTEE

## ROBERT MILLER

WHS CLASS OF 1962



**ROBERT MILLER WENT TO A RURAL 8 GRADE SCHOOL**, THEN ATTENDED WHS, GRADUATING IN 1962. HE THEN WENT TO KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVED A BS IN AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS IN 1967. HE SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE, WORKING IN COMMUNICATIONS.

**AFTER COLLEGE AND THE AIR FORCE**, ROBERT STARTED FARMING NEAR WELLINGTON. AT THE SAME TIME HE RAN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, DEFEATING A TEN YEAR INCUMBENT. DURING HIS 26 YEARS HE CHAIRED OVER 10 COMMITTEES, AND WAS ELECTED MAJORITY LEADER, MINORITY LEADER AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. HE IS THE ONLY KANSAN TO HOLD THOSE THREE POSITIONS. WHEN HE LEFT THE LEGISLATURE, HE WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR GRAVES TO THE KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION, AND WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN. HE ALSO SERVED A TERM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN PARIMUTUEL REGULATORS ASSOCIATION.

**BACK ON HIS FARM**, HE JOINED A SMALL NUMBER OF FARMERS WHO WERE STARTING TO GROW COTTON. HE WAS ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN KANSAS COTTON GROWERS COOP, AND LED IN THE CREATION OF THE KANSAS COTTON ASSOCIATION, WHICH HE LED AS PRESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS. AS KANSAS COTTON PRODUCTION GREW, SO DID HIS INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE OF THE STATE. HE WAS THE FIRST KANSAN APPOINTED TO THE U. S. COTTON BOARD BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, AND WAS ON THE BOARD OF COTTON INC., AND THE NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL. HE ALSO WAS ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAINS COTTON COOPERATIVE WAREHOUSE COMMITTEE, AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARKETING COMMITTEE (THE LARGEST COTTON MARKETING POOL IN THE WORLD)

**OFF THE FARM** HE IS A LONGTIME DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITY STATE BANK, AND HAS WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER IN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND AZERBAIJAN. HE ALSO WAS ON THE BOARD OF THE SUMNER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR 8 YEARS, 6 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN.

**ROBERT IS MARRIED** TO ROXANN ROONEY, AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

# WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE CRUSADERS