
Site Where J.F.K. Was Shot to Be U.S. Landmark

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DALLAS—The site where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated will be designated as a national historic landmark today, the 30th anniversary of his death.

Nellie Connally, widow of former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who was seriously wounded in the Nov. 22, 1963 attack, was scheduled to make the official presentation of the plaque.

The Connallys were riding in the same open-air limousine with the President and his wife when shots rang out in Dealey Plaza, on the west end of downtown.

"The dedication ceremony will focus on our responsibilities in a democracy to preserve both good and bad history," said Walter S. Blake, president of the Dallas County Historical Foundation.

The designation of the assassination site as a national historic landmark was granted on Oct. 12 by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The foundation runs a museum that draws about 400,000 visitors a year to the sixth floor of the old School Book Depository Building, where Lee Harvey Oswald was said to have fired the shots that killed Kennedy.

No official events were planned in Kennedy's hometown of Boston.

"We are not very enthusiastic about celebrating the day he got killed," said Charles Daley, director of the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. "We celebrate Kennedy's birthday, which we think is more appropriate."

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