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Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF FORMER
PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the
2 United States, was born on June 12, 1924, in Milton, Massachusetts, to
3 Dorothy Walker Bush and Prescott Bush; and

4 WHEREAS, shortly after his birth, George H.W. Bush's family
5 moved to Connecticut, where his father would later become a United
6 States Senator; and

7 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush was raised in Greenwich,
8 Connecticut, and was active in leadership and athletics during high
9 school; and

10 WHEREAS, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, George H.W. Bush
11 enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in 1942 on his 18th
12 birthday, was assigned to a torpedo squadron as a photographic
13 officer, and went on to become one of the youngest aviators in the

14 Navy during World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush served the United States honorably
16 as a naval pilot during World War II, logging 1,228 hours of flight
17 time, 126 carrier landings and 58 combat missions; and

18 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush was awarded the United States
19 Navy Air Medal with two gold stars and the Distinguished Flying
20 Cross for bravery in action; and

21 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1945, George H.W. Bush married Barbara
22 Pierce, and their marriage lasted 73 years, the longest presidential
23 marriage in the history of the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, while enrolled at Yale University following World War
25 II, George H.W. Bush played in two College World Series games before
26 graduating in 1948 with a degree in economics and moving to Texas
27 with Barbara and his eldest son, George W. Bush; and

28 WHEREAS, upon moving to west Texas, George H.W. Bush became
29 a successful businessman, establishing himself in the oil and gas
30 industry before being elected to the United States House of
31 Representatives in 1966; and

32 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush served two terms in the House of
33 Representatives as Congressman from the 7th District of Texas; and

34 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush served as United States Ambassador
35 to the United Nations from 1971 to 1973, which led to his appointment
36 as Chief of the United States Liaison Office in the People's Republic of
37 China in 1974; and

38 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford appointed George H.W. Bush to
39 serve as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1976; and

40 WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush served as Vice President of the
41 United States for eight years under President Ronald Reagan,

42 managing Federal deregulation, championing anti-drug efforts,
43 combatting terrorism and leading North Atlantic Treaty Organization
44 negotiations during the Cold War; and

45 WHEREAS, in 1988, the people of the United States elected Vice
46 President George H.W. Bush to serve as the 41st President of the
47 United States, the first serving Vice President to be elected President
48 since 1836; and

49 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush worked closely with his
50 international counterparts throughout his presidency and oversaw the
51 end of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of
52 Germany, and worked with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to sign
53 two treaties reducing the threat of nuclear war; and

54 WHEREAS, the efforts of President George H.W. Bush to negotiate
55 the North American Free Trade Agreement led to the adoption of that
56 agreement in 1993; and

57 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush protected the Panama
58 Canal from a corrupt regime, assembled a multinational force to
59 compel the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait in the Persian Gulf War
60 and convened the Madrid Peace Conference in 1991; and

61 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush worked with Congress to
62 enact the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et
63 seq.) and Public Law 101-549 (commonly known as the "Clean Air Act
64 Amendments of 1990") and hosted an education summit with
65 governors from all fifty states in the pursuit of systemic education
66 reform; and

67 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush believed "there could be
68 no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others"
69 and therefore, as President, launched the Points of Light initiative to
70 promote volunteerism and community service across America and,
71 while in office, awarded 1,020 Daily Points of Light to Americans
72 representing all fifty states; and

73 WHEREAS, after leaving office, President George H.W. Bush
74 remained dedicated to volunteerism and community service, raising
75 hundreds of millions of dollars for charity; and

76 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush was the father of the 43rd
77 President of the United States, George W. Bush, who was also the
78 former Governor of Texas; and

79 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush received the Presidential
80 Medal of Freedom on February 15, 2011, from President Barack
81 Obama; and

82 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush never lost his zeal for life
83 and adventure and commemorated his 75th, 80th, 85th and 90th
84 birthdays with parachute jumps; and

85 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush was a dedicated family
86 man and husband of 73 years who, with Barbara, had 6 children, 17
87 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, and resided in Houston,
88 Texas, and Kennebunkport, Maine; and

89 WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush showed unwavering love
90 and devotion to his family, the United States and the world; and

91 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
92 General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt
93 condolences on the passing of a distinguished statesman and longtime
94 public servant, George H.W. Bush, whose death is a profound loss to
95 his family and friends, to public service and to the people of both the
96 State of Connecticut and the United States of America; and

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the
98 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to
99 the family of President George H.W. Bush as an expression of the high
100 esteem in which he was held.

GAE *Joint Favorable*