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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.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

Co-Sponsors: REP. YACCARINO, 87th Dist.

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