

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 30

Introduced by: Senators Bolin, Blare, Cronin, Ewing, Greenfield (Brock), Langer, Maher, Novstrup, Schoenbeck, Sutton, Wiik, and Youngberg and Representatives Anderson, Chaffee, Chase, Frye-Mueller, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Livermont, Marty, Milstead, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Post, Schoenfish, St John, Weis, Wiese, and York

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending, honoring, and thanking President George H. W. Bush for his many years of great service to our country.

WHEREAS, George H. W. Bush, the son of Prescott and Dorothy Bush, was born in 1924; and

WHEREAS, Bush enlisted in the Navy on his 18th birthday, and became one of the youngest pilots in our military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, between 1942 and 1945, Bush went on fifty-eight combat missions, including one where his plane was shot down by the Japanese, thereafter being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism under fire; and

WHEREAS, in September 1945, Bush was discharged from the Navy and enrolled at Yale University where he completed an undergraduate degree in economics by 1948; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Bush began his career in public service when he won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in the Seventh district of Texas, being reelected in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in December 1970, Bush was nominated as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Richard Nixon; and

WHEREAS, when Nixon resigned, and Gerald Ford took office, Bush was appointed as the U.S. Envoy to the People's Republic of China and served as Chief of the U.S. Liaison's Office; and



WHEREAS, upon return from China in 1975, Bush was asked to serve as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and served until 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Bush joined Ronald Reagan as his running mate in the presidential campaign of 1980 and served as Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Bush became the 41st President of the United States and served from 1989 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Bush died on November 30, 2018, aged 94 years, 171 days, making him the longest-lived president in U.S. history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends, honors, and thanks former President of the United States George H. W. Bush for his many years of faithful service to our great country.