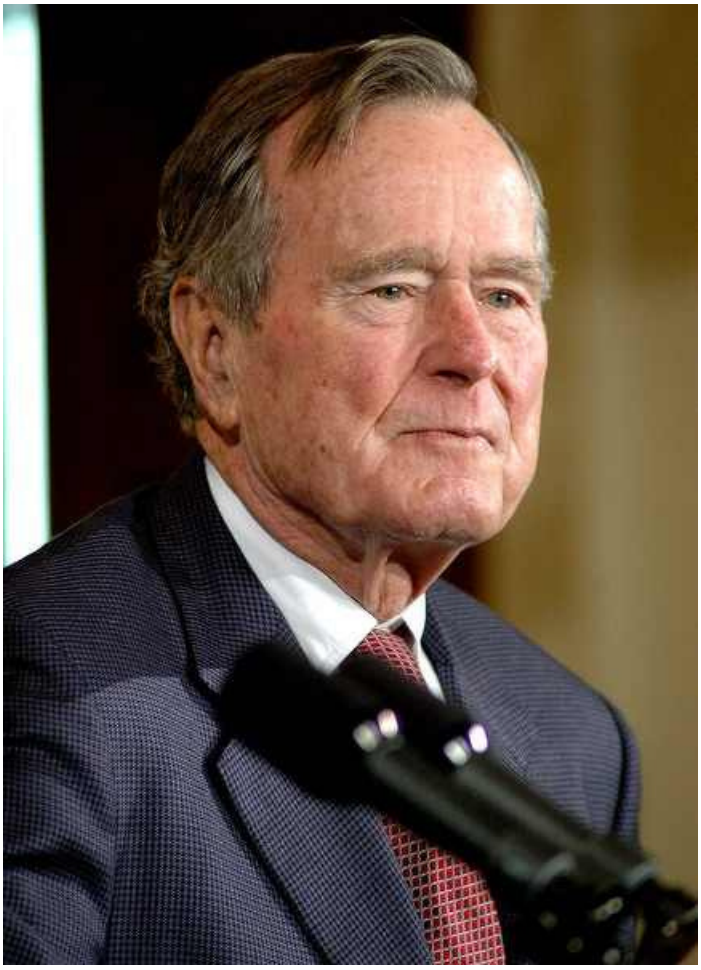
American Cancer Society and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network CEO Statement on the Passing of George H.W. Bush



The American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network join the nation and the world in mourning the passing and celebrating the life of President George H.W. Bush, who died Friday at age 94. **Gary Reedy, Chief Executive Officer** for both organizations, issued the following statement:

“George and Barbara Bush were wonderful friends of the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. They were deeply committed to fighting cancer throughout their lives after the loss of their daughter, Robin, at age 3.

"It was a great honor to know and work with them to make a difference. I worked with President Bush on C-Change and the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, which he founded in 2001 to bring together chief executives to take action to improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. That same year, the American Cancer Society honored George and Barbara with our highest recognition, the Medal of Honor. Most recently, the Bushes served as honorary co-chairs for the campaign to build an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Houston, Texas, to provide free housing to cancer patients while they are undergoing treatment.

“While we mourn the loss of a great man, we celebrate the tremendous impact he had by leading our nation, bringing out the humanity in all of us and improving our quality of life in so many ways, including the fight against cancer.”