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# H. RES. 653

Honoring former President George Herbert Walker Bush on the occasion  
of his 80th birthday.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. HENSARLING, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. BARTON of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

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on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Whereas President George Herbert Walker Bush served as the Forty-First President of the United States and brought to the White House a dedication to traditional American values and a commitment to use American strength as a force for good;

Whereas, during his Presidency, the Communist empire dissolved, the Soviet Union ceased to exist, and the Berlin Wall fell;

Whereas, during his Presidency, American troops overthrew the corrupt regime of General Manuel Noriega;

Whereas President George H.W. Bush rallied the United States people, the United Nations, and Congress and sent over 500,000 American military personnel, who were joined by approximately 200,000 military and other personnel from allied nations, as part of Operation Desert Storm, to defeat Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's million-man army which invaded Kuwait and threatened to move into Saudi Arabia;

Whereas President Bush and his very able Secretary of State secured military and financial support from the United Nations, resulting in many nations participating, for the first time ever, in paying their share of the cost of a major war;

Whereas, during World War II, George H.W. Bush answered the call to duty by enlisting in the armed forces on his 18th birthday, becoming the youngest pilot in the Navy when he received his wings, and flying 58 combat missions, including being shot down by Japanese antiaircraft fire and rescued by a United States submarine, for which he was awarded, among other decorations, the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in action;

Whereas George H.W. Bush continued his commitment to public service by serving two terms as a Representative in the United States Congress from Texas, serving as Ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chief of the United States Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China, and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency;

Whereas George H.W. Bush campaigned for the Republican nomination for President in 1980 and thereafter was chosen by Ronald Reagan to be his running mate, and subsequently served as Vice President of the United States

with responsibility for several domestic areas, including Federal deregulation and anti-drug programs; and

Whereas, in 1988, George H.W. Bush won the Republican nomination for President and was elected as the Forty-First President of the United States, probably brought the greatest portfolio to the office of the Presidency since Thomas Jefferson, and served our Nation for four years with distinction and integrity: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors  
2 former President George H.W. Bush on the occasion of  
3 his 80th birthday on June 12, 2004, extends its congratu-  
4 lations and best wishes to him and to his family, former  
5 First Lady Barbara Bush, and his children, President  
6 George W. Bush, the Honorable Jeb Bush, Neil Bush,  
7 Marvin Bush, and Dorothy Bush Coch, and pays tribute  
8 to his lifetime of service on behalf of the Nation.

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