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C.A.C.A. Mourns the Passing of President George H.W. Bush

San Francisco, December 3, 2018 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) mourns the passing of George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the United States who died on Friday, November 30, at the age of 94. Following two terms as vice president for President Ronald Reagan, President Bush was elected as the nation’s chief executive in 1988 and served from 1989 until 1993.

His life caps a noble legacy of more than 70 years of unwavering public service and devotion to the United States. Achievements included a decorated naval pilot in World War II, a Congressman representing Texas, an Ambassador to the United Nations, an envoy to China, Director of Central Intelligence and the highest elected offices of the country.

President Bush’s 73-year marriage to Barbara Pierce was the longest presidential marriage in American history until her death this past April. The couple had six children, including the 43rd President of the United States George W.

“We join the nation in expressing sorrow for the loss of a true American patriot and statesman,” said C.A.C.A. National President Davace Chin. “President Bush was an inspiration for generations of Americans to view public service as a noble calling. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bush family.”

Many Chinese Americans may remember President Bush’s appointment as Chief of the U. S. Liaison Office in Beijing, China, by President Gerald Ford in October 1974. President Bush was credited with the normalization of official diplomatic relations in January 1979 between the United States and the People’s Republic of China and he would remain an influential voice in U.S.-China relations.

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