

President Begaye honors George H.W. Bush

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the United States of America, passed away Nov. 30 at the age of 94.

“President George H.W. Bush demonstrated tremendous leadership in the highest office in the world,” Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said. “I offer my sincere respect and pay tribute to his legacy. May God bless him and his family at this time.”

In WWII, he served as a Navy pilot, flew 58 combat missions and survived being shot down after his plane took enemy fire over the Pacific.

He later graduated from Yale University, started a successful oil business in Texas, and ran for Congress where he served two terms for the House of Representatives.

Afterward, he served as ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, chief of the United States Liaison Office in China, director of Central Intelligence and Vice President before winning the presidential election in 1988.

On behalf of tribal nations, President Bush signed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, and the National Museum of the American Indian Act, which established the Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum of the American Indian.

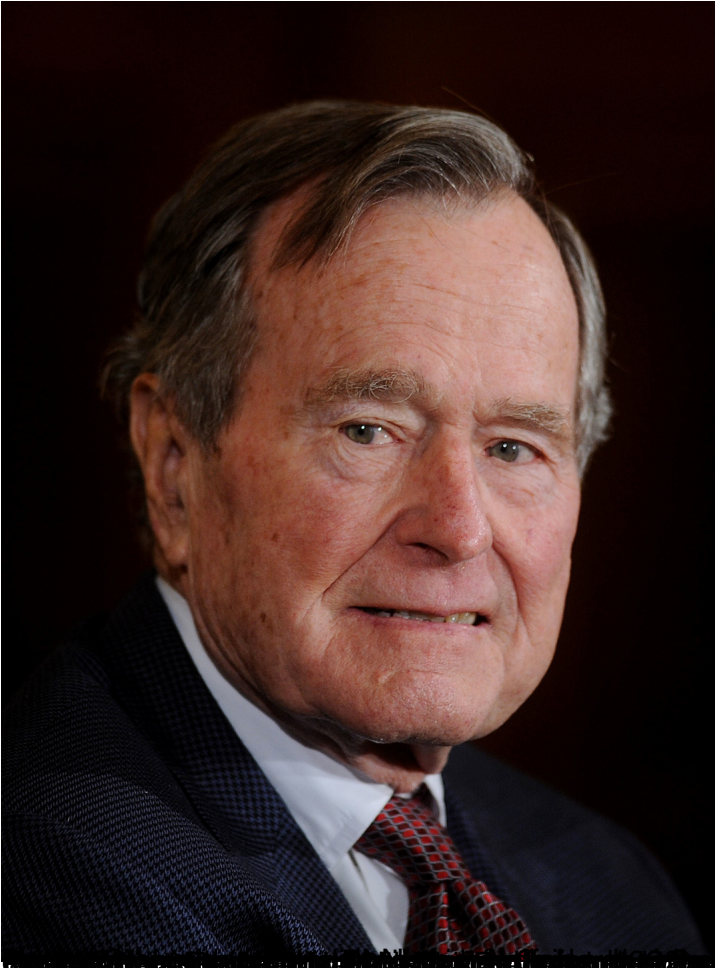
He was also the first U.S. president to issue a proclamation establishing November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

President Bush signed an executive order cited as the Native American Languages Act of 1990.

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President Begaye (5th President of the Navajo Nation) signed a