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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.

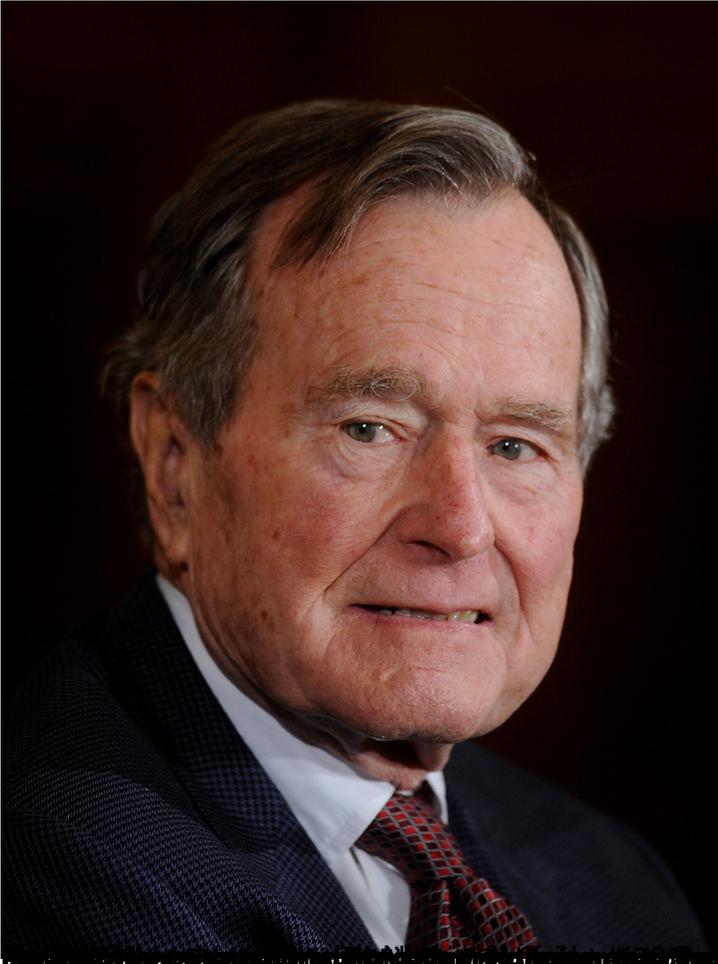
He was also the first U.S. president to issue a proclamation establishing November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

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

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President Begaye honored George H.W. Bush on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the White House. The President presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the former President of the United States. The ceremony was held in the East Room of the White House. President Begaye was joined by Vice President Mark Kelly, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, and other members of the administration. George H.W. Bush is the only living former President of the United States. He served as the 41st President from 1989 to 1993. He is also a member of the United States Armed Forces and a member of the United States Intelligence Community. He is the only person to have served in both the United States Army and the United States Navy. He is also the only person to have served in both the United States Air Force and the United States Marine Corps. He is the only person to have served in both the United States Coast Guard and the United States Space Force. He is the only person to have served in both the United States Army and the United States Navy. He is the only person to have served in both the United States Air Force and the United States Marine Corps. He is the only person to have served in both the United States Coast Guard and the United States Space Force.