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VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

George Herbert Walker Bush was born in Milton, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1924. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, in June 1942, and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. At age 18, he was the youngest commissioned pilot in the Navy at that time.

He served from August 1942 to September 1945 as a naval aviation cadet and carrier pilot, and fought in the Pacific, winning three air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Returning home, he entered Yale University, completed his economic degree in 1948 graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and captained the varsity baseball team.

After graduation, Mr. Bush moved to Texas where he worked as a trainee and then as a supply salesman for Dresser Industries in West Texas and California from 1948 to 1950. He co-founded a small royalty firm, Bush-Overby Development Company, in 1951. In 1953, he co-founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation, and one year later--at age 30--Mr. Bush became president and co-founder of a third firm, Zapata Offshore Company. The fledgling firm pioneered in experimental offshore drilling equipment. Today much of the energy produced around the world is drilled for by the rigs that Zapata pioneered.

He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966 from Texas' 7th District. One of the few freshmen members of Congress ever elected to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Bush was re-elected to the House without opposition two years later.

During his congressional service, he was active in legislation dealing with problems of excessive government spending and inflation, national defense, civil rights, quality education, natural resources and environmental matters.

From 1971 to 1973, he served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations and as Chairman of the Republican National Committee from January 1973 to September 1974.

In October 1974, Mr. Bush traveled to Peking and served for more than a year as Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China, a sensitive and complex assignment during a time of deepening hostility between the PRC and the Soviet Union.

He was then appointed Director of Central Intelligence, where he helped write the Executive Order that guaranteed the protection of civil rights of U.S. citizens, and restored morale and efficiency after a period of disorganization in the U.S. intelligence community.

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In July 1980, Mr. Bush was selected by Ronald Reagan to be his running mate at the 1980 Republican convention, on November 4, was elected Vice President-designate of the United States, and on January 20, 1981 was sworn in as the 43rd Vice President of the United States.

He is married to the former Barbara Pierce of Rye, New York. They are the parents of five children; George, 35; Jeb, 29; Neil, 27; Marvin, 25; Dorothy, 22; and the grandparents of four, George, 6; Noelle, 5; and twin girls, Barbara Pierce and Jenna Welch, born, November 26, 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush are former residents of Houston, Texas, and are members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where he is a former vestryman. He has served on the vestry of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Kennebunkport, Maine, and is on the board of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

His father, the late Prescott Bush, served as U.S. Senator (R-Conn) from 1952 to 1962.

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