

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

## STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR MURPHY AND FIRST LADY TAMMY MURPHY ON THE PASSING OF FORMER FIRST LADY BARBARA BUSH

"Barbara Bush was a devoted mother and grandmother, a loving wife, and distinguished First Lady. America's matriarch, she set an example for the nation with her warmth and love of family, while championing the cause of literacy for Americans of all ages.

"We will forever be grateful for the kindness and grace President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Bush showed to our family over the years. Tammy attended the same high school as President Bush, whom we first met in Frankfurt, Germany in 1995. During our time serving abroad in Berlin, we had the honor and privilege of having a private dinner together with the Bushes during their last official trip outside the U.S. in November 2009. Throughout the years, they have blessed our family with wisdom, good humor, and friendship, which has now extended to other family members, as well.

"Together with our four children, we extend our deepest condolences to President Bush and the entire Bush family during this difficult time."

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