

Resolve 10-17/18

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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FORMER FIRST LADY BARBARA BUSH**

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush, former First Lady of the United States of America, accomplished author, and proud mother and wife, led a life committed to her country, family, and children; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush, a tireless advocate for children and literacy programs through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, recognized that “if we don’t give everyone the ability to simply read and write, then we aren’t giving everyone an equal chance to succeed;” and

WHEREAS, millions of people across all 50 states have benefited from her Foundation’s family literacy programs, and in the years to come will honor her legacy by helping Americans of all ages improve their literacy skills -- and their futures; and

WHEREAS, the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center in Portland is named in honor of the first lady for her long-standing commitment to children’s issues around the world, and her unwavering passion for the children of Maine, and in which she visited many times to read to patients; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was a longtime Maine summer resident who loved the coast and its people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor wish to express its deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bush’s family and friends upon learning of her passing on April 17, 2018 at the age of 92; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor honor the life of First Lady Barbara Bush for her unwavering commitment to her country, her family, public service, universal literacy and children’s health, as well as other causes she championed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor recognize that Barbara Bush was an inspirational leader who leaves a legacy of improving the lives of many.