

Translation

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the
United States of America

Washington

Mr President,

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of President George H. W. Bush. My thoughts are with his family. Allow me to convey my profound sympathy to his family and the entire people of the United States.

With the passing of President George H. W. Bush, the United States of America has lost a great patriot and statesman. He dedicated seven decades of his life to the service of his country and fellow citizens. Taking responsible action for the benefit of your nation was the guiding principle of his whole life.

Germany in particular owes a great deal to George H. W. Bush. It was most fortunate for German history that he was President of the United States of America when the Cold War thawed and German reunification became possible. In George H. W. Bush, the German people had a true friend who recognized the importance of this historic moment and gave us his trust and support. The brave and peaceful revolution by people on the eastern side of the Iron Curtain thus coincided with the courage and skill of a statesman who, along with others, led Europe and the transatlantic partnership through this upheaval, thus heralding a new era.

We Germans experienced the strength and reliability of German-US friendship during his presidency.

We will always remember George H. W. Bush with fondness.

With sympathy and profound gratitude,

Dr. Angela Merkel
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany