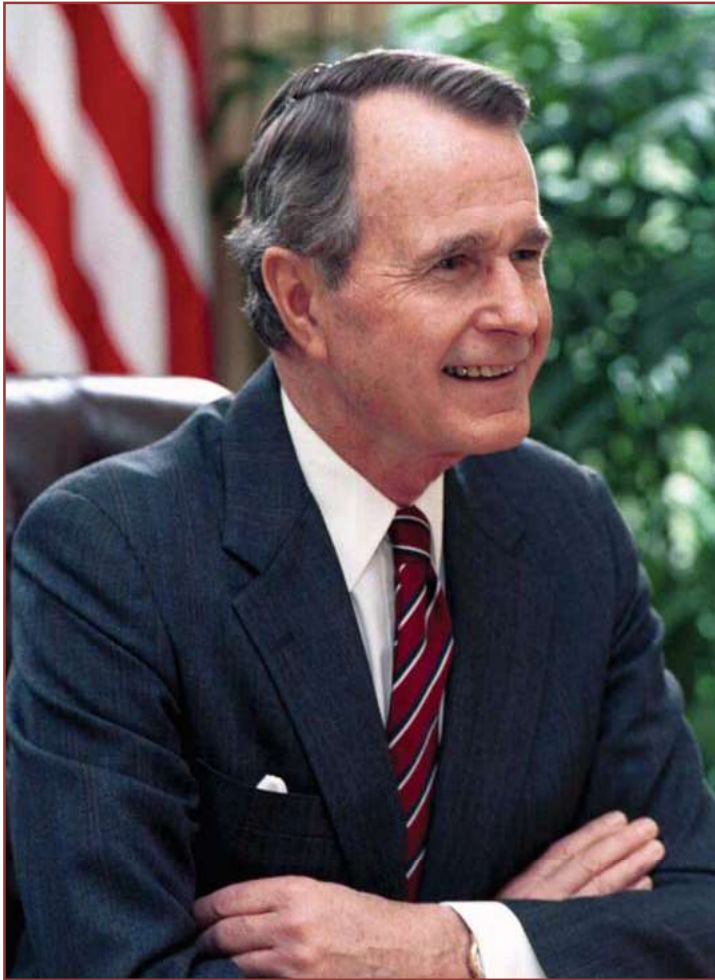


LETTER FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH



President George H. W. Bush

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It is with great pleasure and pride that I congratulate the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) on 75 years of service to independent producers and to the nation. Over the years, the accomplishments of IPAA and its members have contributed significantly to the health of America's economy and national security.

As a former independent producer from Midland, Texas, I know firsthand the characteristics of the people who encompass this industry – hardworking, entrepreneurial, optimistic and patriotic. As a former Texas congressman and president of the United States, I have witnessed these same qualities at work in the IPAA's efforts in Washington.

The effectiveness of independent producers has played an important role in our nation. You have provided the country with fuel for our factories, schools, hospitals and homes. You have powered our economy through turbulence and disruptions. You have deployed technologies that protect our environment and provide safety around the world.

Indeed, the contributions of this industry are many. And too often, they are under-appreciated. You are a special breed of quiet American heroes, and I'm proud to have worked side-by-side with you as an independent producer, as a director of IPAA and as an elected official.

I offer my best wishes to IPAA on this important milestone, and I extend my thanks to the thousands of independent producers who have helped shape our country. Congratulations.

Sincerely,