## Statement of Susan Ford Bales On The Death of Barbara Bush

Barbara Bush's death brings a deep sadness to all of us who knew and loved her. Her unparalleled grace, devotion, and joy will forever serve as a wonderful role model. While her passing gives rise to an unavoidable sea of tears, we take comfort in remembering her lifetime of extraordinary kindness and service to others. Her devotion to literacy programs, civil rights, and to the less fortunate among us are legacies which will shine brightly for generations. She has left an indelible glow on the nation she and her husband and their family have served so honorably and faithfully.

My thoughts and prayers, as most certainly would be those of Mother and Dad, are with President Bush and his family.

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