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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF BARBARA  
BUSH, FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
MOTHER OF THE 43RD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Maine State Legislature has learned of the death of Barbara Bush, former First Lady of the United States and mother of the 43rd President of the United States, and a longtime summer resident of Kennebunkport; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1945 the former Barbara Pierce, a native of New York State, married the Honorable George H. W. Bush, a young naval aviator who went on to a successful political career culminating in 1988 with his election as the 41st President of the United States, and they were married 73 years; and

**WHEREAS**, she became a popular First Lady, appreciated for her unpretentiousness and self-deprecation, and was a tireless advocate of adult literacy programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in Maine, she gave her time and resources to local causes and institutions, including the Maine Literacy Volunteers, The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center and the University of New England, home to the George and Barbara Bush Center; and

**WHEREAS**, she and her husband had six children, two of whom also became successful politicians: the Honorable John Ellis "Jeb" Bush, Sr., who became Governor of Florida, and the Honorable George W. Bush, who became Governor of Texas and later the 43rd President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House of Representatives wish to express the high esteem in which they hold the late Barbara Bush and the sadness with which they received the news of her passing; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to commemorate the life of Barbara Bush and to recognize her contributions to the Nation and the State of Maine; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be presented to the family of Barbara Bush as a token of our sympathy.