

President George H W Bush was not only a passionate space enthusiast, he was a visionary who outlined the keys to the next great step in American space exploration; a reason to continue after the Cold War, the need to lead but to include essential international participation, and the necessary reform of the institution charged with making it happen.

He knew the costs and risks and persisted nonetheless. Today's opportunity to return America to human spaceflight, to resume our essential exploration, to once again lead the world in space, is built on the selfless and principled stand of President George H W Bush. We in the space community are lucky to have had him,

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