

## GEORGE BUSH

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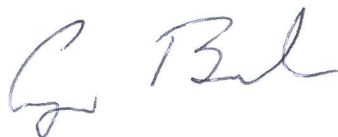
I enthusiastically lend my support to the team in Bryan/College Station who are working to secure a retired space shuttle for the Texas A&M University campus. You can do no better than to entrust one of your shuttles to this space-grant college. When I decided to locate my Presidential Library and Museum in Aggieland, the entire community embraced the idea and together we built a state-of-the-art Presidential Library Center.

This community now has the vision to build a state-of-the-art science museum. The Brazos Valley Museum of Science and History will be a premier research museum located on the Texas A&M Campus next to and in cooperation with the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. A NASA space shuttle would be the centerpiece of this new venture.

Millions of people from around the world and across the country have visited the Bush Museum since it opened in College Station in 1997. I am confident that a museum of science and history would also thrive here. Last year the Bush Museum hosted the space exhibit *Beyond the Moon: NASA's Continuing Mission*. It was by far one of the most popular exhibits we have ever had and one of my personal favorites as I have always been a strong supporter of the Space Program.

The State of Texas and Texas A&M University have a long history with space flight and a deep connection to NASA and to the Space Shuttle Program. I believe College Station would be the perfect place to showcase a retired space shuttle. I can assure you that it will be displayed with the respect and honor it deserves and will be used in such a way to educate future generation about the greatness of America's Space Program.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Bush".

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