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James A. Baker III Is Elected Trustee

James A. Baker III, secretary of state under George Bush and secretary of the treasury under Ronald Reagan, has been elected a Trustee of HHMI.

Baker is a senior partner in the law firm of Baker & Botts. He maintains offices in Washington, D.C., and Houston.

Long active in national politics, Baker has led presidential campaigns for Presidents Ford, Reagan and Bush. He has served in senior government positions under three presidents, beginning in 1975 as President Gerald Ford's under secretary of commerce.

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In addition to his cabinet posts, Baker was President Reagan's White House chief of staff from 1981 to 1985, and served under President Bush in the same position from August 1992 to January 1993. As treasury secretary, he was also chairman of the President's Economic Policy Council.

A native of Houston, Baker practiced law with the firm of Andrews and Kurth from 1957 to 1975. He graduated from Princeton University in 1952. After two years of active duty as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, he studied law at the University of Texas School of Law at Austin, where he received his J.D. with honors in 1957.

In 1991, Baker was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He has also received many other awards for distinguished public service, including Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award, the American Institute for Public Service's Jefferson Award, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Award, the Hans J. Morgenthau Award, the George F. Kennan Award, the Department of the Treasury's Alexander Hamilton Award, the Department of State's Distinguished Service Award, and numerous honorary academic degrees.

He is honorary chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and serves on the boards of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Rice University, Princeton University, and a number of other nonprofit organizations.