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HOUSTON – (March 31, 2010) - Former First Lady Barbara Bush was discharged Wednesday from The Methodist Hospital in Houston after undergoing a series of tests. Doctors believe Mrs. Bush, 84, may have had a mild relapse of her Graves disease, a thyroid condition for which she was treated in 1989. As a result, her physicians at Methodist have adjusted her medication. Upon discharge she was alert, talkative and appeared to be getting stronger as she prepared to return home.

Mrs. Bush arrived Saturday at the hospital, where she received a number of tests including blood tests and imaging studies. Just over a year ago Mrs. Bush received a replacement aortic valve at Methodist, which doctors said is working very well.

Mrs. Bush is expected to make a full recovery and should soon return to her normal activities.