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### Jeb Bush cancels keynote for Broward GOP Lincoln Day dinner

Former Gov. **Jeb Bush** will no longer give the keynote at the Broward GOP's fundraising dinner days before the March 15 primary.

Bush announced he would suspend his campaign Saturday night after the South Carolina primary.

Bush will not attend the Broward Republican Executive Committee's Lincoln Day dinner March 12, Broward chair **Bob Sutton** said.

Some of the other presidential campaigns have expressed an interest in the event, but none are confirmed. Spokespersons for **Marco Rubio**'s campaign said earlier this week that his schedule for March was not set yet.

Broward has about 240,000 registered Republican voters -- the third largest contingent in the state behind Miami-Dade and Hillsborough counties.

The Sun-Sentinel reported the news about Bush dropping out of the dinner earlier today.

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### Marco Rubio's 'A New American Century' slogan gets makeover en español



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How do you say "A New American Century" *en español*?

If you're **Marco Rubio**'s presidential campaign, you don't. Say it, that is.

Rubio's team used Spanish-language decor Monday at a Miami news conference announcing congressional endorsements. Where English-language signs say "A New American Century," the Spanish ones read, "*¡Por Un Futuro Mejor!*"

Translation: "For A Better Future."

**Jeb Bush**'s late campaign had an only-in-Spanish slogan too: "*Siempre Con Nosotros*" -- "Always With Us."

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## Five memorable moments from covering Jeb Bush's campaign

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In no particular order:

### **A New Hampshire woman asked him about the “electromagnetic pulse” – and Jeb Bush knew what it was**

The best justification – perhaps the only one – for making presidential candidates campaign first in small states unrepresentative of the rest of the country is that they give attention to voters' particular issues, no matter how far out they seem. Candidates must be quick on their feet. And Bush showed he was even before he was a formal contender: “Oh, I know about this,” he told a woman who asked about the “electromagnetic pulse,” a theory about a meltdown in the nation's power grid. Ever the wonk, he had read about it in *The Wall Street Journal*.

### **A South Beach waiter and semi-retired drag queen made him a Paleo-friendly burger**

Tommy Strangie was called into Burger & Beer Joint on his day off to prepare the special menu item for Bush: a lettuce-wrapped bison burger with chipotle ketchup, sautéed onions and jalapeños (no bun, no cheese) and a side salad of chopped vegetables with balsamic vinaigrette. Strangie, a Hillary Clinton fan, called Bush a “great tipper” – he left 25 percent. Only in Miami.

### **His aides stuck around after the deadly Charleston shooting**

Bush was supposed to be in Charleston three days after launching his candidacy in June, but he was forced to cancel after a gunman killed nine people at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The venue for his town hall became the site for emergency news conferences instead. And Bush's South Carolina aides, led by Brett Doster, stuck around – because they had to undo their setup, but also to hand out refreshments they had already paid for to police officers, city leaders and reporters. It was a kind gesture on a day when politics suddenly didn't seem so important.

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## Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio get The Simpsons treatment

via @learyreports

**Jeb Bush** may be gone but his campaign lives on in this Simpsons bit -- and he finally gets revenge on **Donald Trump**. **Marco Rubio** does the robot.

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## **An appreciation: Jeb Bush seemed most comfortable in his second language**



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On what turned out to be the last full day of **Jeb Bush's** presidential campaign, a man with a distinctively English accent stood to ask him a question.

"Can you vote?" Bush interrupted with amusement.

"I don't think so," the man responded. "I've had the privilege of reporting for the Times of London – "

"Oh, you're a *reporter*, too!" Bush cut in again. (The man was a columnist.)

And then, there in Greenville, South Carolina, Bush said something that left no doubt he was still Miami Jeb: "This is going from Guatemala to *Guate-peor!*"

I laughed, but few others did. Besides Bush's wife and son, a Colombian-born voter, and another bilingual reporter present, no one else seemed to get it. From bad to worse, Bush had said – using a Spanish-language colloquialism.

Moments like this made covering Bush's candidacy particularly endearing for a Miami reporter. When I least expected it, Bush would show flashes of his inner Hispanic – even in places where his biculture couldn't possibly fit, in a Republican primary year dominated by a front-runner who wants Mexicans to pay for a "beautiful" border wall.

On New Hampshire radio, Bush called his wife, **Columba**, "*mi querida*." A staple of his stump speech involved telling voters, in perfectly accented Spanish, he met her in "León, Guanajuato, Mexico." His two granddaughters, he bragged, will someday check off "not applicable" as their ethnicity in Census forms – because they're "Texan-Mexican-Canadian-Iraqi-Americans."

I looked for that Bush because that's when he appeared most energized and passionate and raw. "*Claro que sí*," he said about going to a same-sex wedding. "*Barbaridades*," he said of **Donald Trump's** insults.

More here.

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## With Jeb Bush out, former Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon backs Marco Rubio

via @learyreports

Former House Speaker **Dean Cannon** is endorsing **Marco Rubio**.

"The time is now for the Republican Party and fellow conservatives to come together behind a candidate who can lead us to victory in November," Cannon tells the Tampa Bay Times. "We have seen how the country has suffered under the Obama administration, and now we need to spread the word for how we can prosper with a leader like Marco Rubio in the White House. The future of the GOP lies with Marco, and the path to defeat Hillary Clinton begins with him winning Florida and ultimately the nomination."

Cannon had backed **Jeb Bush**, as did most of the other recent speakers, and current speaker **Steve Crisafulli**. Rubio on Monday picked up numerous endorsements from mainstream Republicans across the country.

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### The long unraveling of Jeb Bush's campaign





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For **Jeb Bush**'s loyalists, the first moment of palpable panic — and there would be more than they ever expected in the months to come — built over four days last May when their not-yet-presidential candidate struggled repeatedly to utter a one-word answer — No — to an utterly predictable question: Should the U.S. have invaded Iraq?

Bush bungled the response when he was asked the first time. His staff prepared him for the next one. He knew what he had to say. But he couldn't bring himself to do it. Couldn't throw his older brother, former President **George W. Bush**, under the bus.

W. telephoned Jeb and told him to get over it.

By then, Bush donors and friends had gotten a very public glimpse of what could derail the former Florida governor's bid for the Republican nomination – and resoundingly end the Bush family era in the GOP.

He was rusty, nine years removed from office and 13 years removed from a campaign. He was unfamiliar with how modern political news works, where four days to fix a mistake comprise an unforgiving eternity. And he was ill-prepared to grapple with the one challenge he knew going in he'd be unable to change: his last name.

"We've had enough Bushes," his mother, former First Lady **Barbara Bush**, had asserted in 2013.

Her words, which she later took back, proved to be prescient.

Jeb Bush's White House ambitions came to a dramatic end Saturday in South Carolina, when a tearful Bush conceded his campaign was over.

Blame a candidate mismatched to his party's political reality – and a campaign too slow to adapt to it.

More here.

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## **Miami Republican members of Congress who had backed Jeb Bush prepare to endorse Marco Rubio**

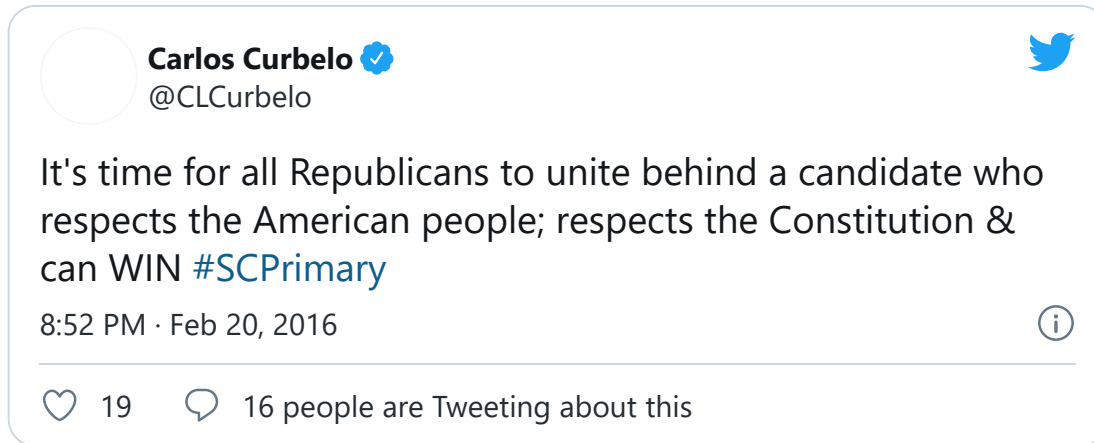
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Miami's current and former Cuban-American Republican members of Congress plan to endorse **Marco Rubio** on Monday, after having initially backed **Jeb Bush**.

A public, group announcement is in the works, a Rubio campaign source confirmed to the Miami Herald on Sunday, a day after Bush ended his candidacy in South Carolina.

Reps. **Carlos Curbelo**, **Mario Diaz-Balart** and **Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**, and former Rep. **Lincoln Diaz-Balart**, would all shift their support to the remaining Miami candidate in the GOP presidential race. It's a sign to other Bush backers to let go of any bad blood from the Bush-Rubio rivalry sooner rather than later.

Curbelo had hinted at the endorsement in a tweet Saturday night suggesting he would look for party unity in the wake of Bush's departure.



All four politicians had been careful not to bash Rubio during the campaign, saying they thought Bush was more experienced but Rubio too would make a good nominee. They would serve as prominent Rubio campaign surrogates leading up to the March 15 Florida primary, especially on Spanish-language media.

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## Watch what Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio said after the South Carolina primary

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## Jeb: Thank You for the Opportunity to Run for the Greatest Office on the Face of the Earth



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## Reaction to the end of Jeb Bush's presidential bid

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COLUMBIA, S.C. -- **Jeb Bush's** presidential ambitions ended tearfully Saturday in South Carolina, which prompted his rivals and supporters alike to praise him for how he carried out his campaign and brought it to a close when he no longer had a way forward. At least one of his longtime detractors was not so gracious.

Here's a compilation of what they had to say:

Presidential rival and Florida Sen. **Marco Rubio**

*I also a few moments ago got to see on television -- I have not had a chance to speak to him yet -- Governor Bush and his announcement. I have an incredible affection and admiration not just for Governor Bush but for his family and for their service to our country.*

*Jeb Bush has many things to be proud of. He is an extraordinary husband. He's an extraordinary father. He was the greatest governor in the history of Florida.*

*And I believe, and I pray that his service to our country has not yet ended. And I thank Jeb Bush for everything he did for the state of Florida and for running a campaign based on ideas. And I pray for him and his family tonight as they move forward in other endeavors in their life.*

Presidential rival and Texas Sen. **Ted Cruz**

*Governor Jeb Bush was an extraordinary governor of Florida. His record of job creation and education innovation left a lasting legacy for millions of Floridians. And he brought skill, optimism, and passion to this race.*

*"Governor Bush focused on policy and ideas, and he brought candor, dignity, and honor to the race. I congratulate him on a hard-fought campaign and wish him and his wonderful family all the best.*

Right to Rise USA, the super PAC backing Bush

*We could not be more proud of Jeb Bush, the campaign he ran, and the hopeful and optimistic message of conservative reform that he communicated throughout this primary. Our team is grateful to the more than 11,000 Jeb Bush supporters who helped us in our efforts.*

*We are ceasing our activities in support of Governor Bush's nomination.*

Former President **George W. Bush**

*Tonight I talked to my brother and congratulated him on his campaign for the Presidency. I told Jeb how proud I am of him and his staff for running a campaign that looked to the future, presented serious policy proposals, and elevated the tone of the race. Jeb's decision to suspend his campaign reflects his selfless character and patriotism. I was moved by Jeb's concession speech. Laura and I are proud of Jeb and Columba for the character and class they brought to this important campaign.*

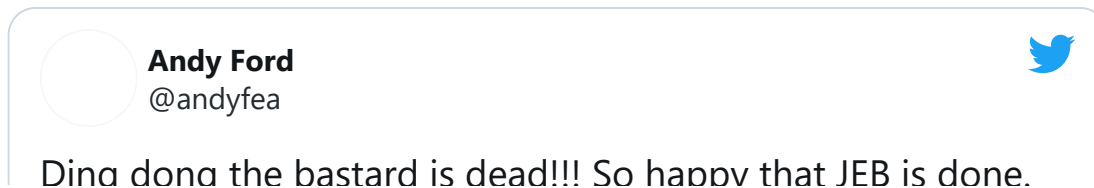
U.s. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen



Florida House Speaker **Steve Crisafulli**

*Jeb Bush is an incredible leader in the Republican Party and served with tremendous distinction as Florida's Governor for eight years. In this time of great unrest in our country, Jeb Bush's record of success offered great hope for America's future. I was proud to support Governor Bush in his campaign for President of the United States because of his record of cutting taxes, creating jobs, reforming education, supporting our Second Amendment rights, and commitment to protecting the sanctity of life. While I am deeply saddened by the suspension of his campaign, I commend Governor Bush for his courage to stand as a candidate to be the Republican nominee for President and his service to our country.*

**Andy Ford**, former president of the Florida Education Association teachers union



What a way to celebrate a Saturday night! Couldn't happen to a nicer guy!

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