

for peace in Ireland, Robert J. Dunfey, Sr., passed away.

Bob Dunfey was a successful businessman, the founder of what today we call the Omni Hotel chain, who gave back to his community, his state, his country and his world. A public servant who spent decades advancing peace-building efforts in his ancestral home of Ireland, Mr. Dunfey was widely regarded by leaders of all walks in Ireland. He worked to support initiatives in Northern Ireland, as well as those in Ireland. A trusted partner, Bob Dunfey sought neither credit nor the spotlight; he worked behind the scenes, a true hallmark of public service.

Marcelle and I were touched when Bob welcomed us and our family into his home in Ballyferrier, Ireland. He leaves behind family and friends in his native New England, across the country and around the world. His is a friendship I will miss.

I ask unanimous consent that the full obituary for Robert Dunfey, Sr., be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OBITUARY FOR ROBERT J. DUNFEY SR., CO-FOUNDER, OMNI-DUNFEY HOTELS INTERNATIONAL AND PEACE-BUILDER, NORTHERN IRELAND

Robert John 'Bob' Dunfey, Sr. of Portsmouth, NH and formerly of Cape Elizabeth, ME, died peacefully on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, surrounded by loving family including his devoted wife, Jeanette Marston Dunfey who tirelessly cared for him during his long and valiant struggle against Parkinson's Disease.

Bob was born February 9, 1928 in Lowell, MA, the seventh of twelve children of Catherine and LeRoy Dunfey. He was educated at St. Patrick's School and Keith Academy, both in Lowell.

He is survived by former wife Shirley (Corey) Dunfey, and five children: Robert Dunfey, Jr. Cape Elizabeth, ME; Roy and Karen Dunfey, Portland, ME; Eileen Dunfey and Michael Pulsifer, Cape Elizabeth, ME; Brian Dunfey, South Berwick, ME; Maryanne Dunfey, North Conway, NH; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by 4 of his 11 siblings: Jack and his wife Lisa of Boston; Eileen Robinson of Bradenton, FL; Jerry and his wife Nadine Hack of Lutry, Switzerland; Eleanor Dunfey and her husband Jim Freiburger of Exeter, NH; many dear cousins in Ballyferrier, Co. Kerry, Ireland; and his wife Jeanette's devoted Marston family.

He was pre-deceased by his parents Catherine and LeRoy and 7 Dunfey siblings: Roy, Paul, Catherine, 'Kay,' Mary, William 'Bud,' and Richard, 'Dick,' and Walter.

Rarely in the 88 years of Bob Dunfey's life was he in or did he seek the limelight, but a look behind the scenes in meetings, conversations, and telephone calls would reveal Bob's signature contributions. The seventh child in a family of 12 knew from the beginning that his life would be that of bridge builder, connector, supporter of worthy causes.

Too young to enlist in WWII with his older brothers, he became the indispensable "right hand" for his father and role model for his younger siblings by doing the often thankless hard work—behind the counter in the family's luncheonette and variety store in Lowell, MA's 'ACRE,' the home of so many

first generation Irish and other immigrants. To this day, his closest friend and partner, brother Jack, credits Bob's energy and hard work as the distinct factor that grew the family business from one small business to fried clam stands at Hampton Beach then on to restaurants, motels and hotels throughout New England, an evolution which led to the purchase of Boston's famous Parker House in 1968 and later became Omni Hotels International.

Bob's work in the business community had a significant impact on the Maine economy. In 1966 Bob successfully led the controversial campaign to allow restaurants, lounges and hotels to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday which was prohibited by law. Another major contribution was the development of the Maine Mall.

During Bobby Kennedy's 1968 campaign for President, Bobby would personally call Bob each Sunday to hear how the campaign was going in Maine. In 1980, on behalf of Maine Governor Brennan, Bob asked Federal Judge George Mitchell to fill the senate seat of Edmund Muskie, newly appointed Secretary of State by President Carter. Mitchell accepted.

As an active father he helped raise his family in Cape Elizabeth. His favorite places were Prout's Neck walking the beach and the bird walk, boating around Casco Bay and riding his bike along the New England Coast. In 1965, he built a ski chalet in North Conway where his family and grandchildren spent winter weekends skiing Cranmore Mountain and snowmobiling. He also arranged many family ski trips to Vail at Thanksgiving.

But his pride and joy was the house he had built in Ballyferrier, Ireland with the most amazing view of ocean and cliffs. His purpose was to have new generations of family reconnect with Irish relatives. His school master and archeologist cousin, Denis O'Connor helped Bob select the perfect Irish name: Feorann: "edge of the sea, a verdant bank on a mountainside . . ." Over 35 years, Bob expanded that word's meaning to include: a bit of heaven to be shared with all! He generously opened his Irish home to family, countless friends—even friends of friends. He introduced Senators George Mitchell, Ted Kennedy, Patrick Leahy, and Chris Dodd to the expansive beauty and warm hospitality of the Dingle Peninsula. Bob believed as every Kerryman does, that there are only two kingdoms: The Kingdom of God and The Kingdom of Kerry; "One is of this world and one is out of this world!"

Robert J. 'Bob' Dunfey, Sr. was a trustee of the University of Maine System; a director of the American Ireland Funds; founder and honorary director of the Susan L. Curtis Foundation, which operates a 50-acre summer camp for Maine's underprivileged children. Bob was a founding director of the Maine Community Foundation. Bob served on the Spurwink Board of Trustees for 14 years, and was honored as the inaugural Humanitarian of the Year in 1987.

He was founding treasurer and director of New England Circle/Global Citizens Circle, a 40-year old non-profit forum that brings leaders and activists together for civil dialogue on critical issues that lead to constructive change in our local and global communities. Bob worked tirelessly to support initiatives in Northern Ireland and cultural preservation projects in the South of Ireland. For his extraordinary efforts over 40 years on the Isle of Ireland, he was honored with several major awards by all the Parties to the Peace Process as a trusted behind the scenes partner for all who were interested in moving beyond "The Troubles."

He was an advisor for the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in

Northern Ireland. He participated with Sen. George Mitchell, President Clinton's Special Envoy for Economic Initiatives for Northern Ireland, on the Senator's first tour of Belfast, Derry, and Border Towns.

Bob and his brother, Jack Dunfey, traveled to Oslo with John Hume and David Trimble and their families when the two Northern Ireland leaders were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998.

Perhaps it is in the reflections of others that we see the worth of a life well lived. Julia Brown, Bob's granddaughter, offers such a reflection and two dear friends warmly affirm her tribute: "Our Papa leaves an amazing legacy as a humanitarian and activist. He touched so many lives and made such a memorable impact in this world. He will be immensely missed by his loving family and wide circle of friends." One of those dear and longtime friends, Jackie Redpath, Belfast Shankill Community Centre, who worked so closely alongside Bob, shares that sentiment: "Bob was a 'great man'. In Ireland, in Belfast, on the Shankill Falls, he straddled 'both sides' & both extremes & I am forever grateful for his, and your family's, bringing loyalism/unionism' in from the cold and giving us a seat 'at the top table' in the United States. People are alive today, who would not otherwise be, on account of this. Bob was strong, sincere, determined, wise, sensitive and great damn fun. He was very kind to me and I will miss him."

It was his beloved Maine, however, that Bob served first and foremost, and the Susan Curtis Foundation expresses best, all that Bob Dunfey means to them: "It may comfort you to know that this summer, nearly 500 youth learned about themselves and who they can be, while developing the character, skills and life lessons they need to reach their dreams. Over 16,000 youth have had that same experience since Camp Susan Curtis opened its doors in 1974. None of this would have happened without Bob. He lives on in the thousands of Maine youth (and former Maine youth—now adults!) who are succeeding and thriving in part because they mattered at Camp Susan Curtis. He will forever be a part of us and we will miss him."

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 100 Chapel Street, Portsmouth, NH at 11 A.M. Saturday, September 10, 2016. Honoring Bob's wish, his ashes will be interred in the family's ancestral grave in Ballyferrier, Ireland alongside his sister, Mary; brother, Walter; and nephew, Philip, at a time convenient to the family. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, friends consider a contribution in Bob's memory to the Susan Curtis Foundation 1321 Washington Ave # 104, Portland, ME 04103.

TRIBUTE TO TIM MITCHELL

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, if I can take a moment. I don't think people realize how many men and women on both sides of the aisle work so hard to make the Senate work, to keep things going. I've often said, only partially in jest, that U.S. Senators are merely constitutional impediments to the staff who do all the work. One of those people is Tim Mitchell.

I have been here from the day he began, 25 years ago tomorrow. I know his wonderful wife, Alicia, and his son, Ben, who is in my grandson's class. We see them playing sports together.

If I am ever feeling down about the prospects of the Red Sox, I simply ask Tim, and know the sun will come up tomorrow because Tim will point out

we still have a chance because of this or that. I have also been at the White House with him when the Red Sox came to town with their World Series trophy.

More importantly, Tim is a true professional, and one of the most honest people I've known. If it is bad news, he will give you the bad news, but he is so nice, it is almost acceptable. I can always go to him because he will keep confidences if we ask him to. He understands the Senate, every single aspect of the Senate, as well as anybody I have ever worked with and I have been here 42 years. He is a person that everyone who works for the Senate should model themselves after. He works very well with his Republican counterparts, and has the respect of all Senators.

I don't want to embarrass Tim, but as the Dean of the Senate, the one who has served here the longest, I think it is safe for me to say that I know of no one finer. He is a wonderful person, and I commend him. I commend the sacrifices that Alicia and Ben have made, because there are some nights we are here very late. I know what it is like to miss a child's game, play or school event. Tim has had to do that. I would like to address this part to Alicia and to Ben. Ben, you should be extraordinarily proud of your father and Alicia, I know you love, respect and are proud of your husband.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, before he leaves the floor, I note the very fine statement of the dean of the Senate Democrats, and I would just like to say that I want to ascribe to Senator LEAHY's views and also be a charter member of the "Tim Mitchell caucus." What a great name to give his public service. I thank you, Senator LEAHY.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. 2979

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President and colleagues, I come to the Senate floor today to discuss S. 2979, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act. I am very pleased to see that my colleague on the Finance Committee who is such a valuable Member, Senator CARDIN, is here as well.

In America, nobody forces you to run for President. You volunteer to run for President, and this year we have had a bumper crop of volunteers. Since Watergate, there has been a bipartisan tradition honored by all candidates that they would release their tax returns. Every Democrat, every Republican, every liberal, every conservative has subscribed to honoring this particular tradition. Why is it so important? Tax returns say so much about a candidate for the world's most demanding job. Rather than the spin and deception that counts as messaging in a Presidential campaign, the tax returns are legally required to be an account-

ing in black and white of a candidate's honesty, integrity, and their personal priorities.

A return can show whether a nominee has intimate connections to powerful interests in foreign governments whose priorities run contrary to the interests of typical Americans. A return highlights important questions about integrity. Are you the person giving to charity or, as some have wondered, are you converting another donor's gift into your own? Are you using charities for personal gain?

A return shows if you pay any taxes at all or if you use the complexity of this Byzantine Tax Code to hide your income while working Americans have their taxes taken out of their paycheck.

Today—and I made it clear I am going to shortly try to get support for the Presidential Tax Transparency Act. Today honest taxpayers who dot every "i" and cross every "t" are faced with a major Presidential candidate who refuses to show even one single page of his tax return. This flouting of a tradition honored by every candidate since Watergate is just too dangerous to ignore.

So shortly I will ask unanimous consent that the Senate pass S. 2979, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act. It is a straightforward proposal. It says within just over 2 weeks of becoming a nominee, at a party convention nominees are required to release at least 3 years of tax returns. If they refuse, the Treasury Secretary provides the returns to the Federal Election Commission and they are put online automatically.

Since I introduced this bill in the spring, I was asked again and again what was behind my thinking. I remember talking to Senator CARDIN, my colleague on the Finance Committee, about it. I said at home, through town meetings, and to colleagues here: Oh, how I wish this bill was not necessary. I think certainly millions of Americans say: Hey, there are lots of laws already. Why do we need more laws? I think we all could feel very proud of this 40-year, bipartisan voluntary tradition that all the candidates have honored. I have waited to bring this bill up in front of the Senate, until it was clear the tradition would not be honored this year.

I believe it is time for the United States Senate to act on S. 2979, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act, to protect honesty, accountability, and transparency in our Presidential election process.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of S. 2979; that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that the bill be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The majority whip.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, reserving the right to object—if my friend from Oregon wants to discuss transparency and bring the Presidential election to the floor of the U.S. Senate, I think the person we should start with is the former Secretary of State. She has had, to put it charitably, innumerable challenges on the topic of transparency.

Let's just look at one. All we need to do is look at the way she exposed some of our Nation's most highly classified information by setting up a private email server in her home. The ensuing investigation produced nothing but stonewalling, obfuscation, and misleading statements she made to the American public.

When FBI Director James Comey announced the agency was closing the investigation, his statements made clear that Hillary Clinton had not been telling the truth. She did send and she did receive classified information, again, at some of the various highest levels. Director Comey said she and her staff who aided and abetted her were "extremely careless in their handling of this highly sensitive information."

In response, I have introduced legislation with the junior Senator from Colorado, Senator GARDNER, to help hold her and her staff accountable. The bill is called the Trust Act and it would revoke the security clearance of any person found to have been extremely careless in the handling of classified information, and it would keep them from receiving a security clearance in the future. It would also clarify that when someone has been found by investigators to have been extremely careless in handling classified information, that is tantamount to gross negligence.

So I would ask the Senator from Oregon to modify his request so S. 2979 and S. 3135 be discharged from their respective committees and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration. I would ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator so modify his request?

Mr. WYDEN. Reserving the right to object—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Thank you, Madam President.

First of all, it is with great disappointment and regret that I note that Senate Republicans are willing to throw aside a 40-year tradition of honesty and openness in our Presidential elections by blocking the Presidential Tax Transparency Act.

With respect to their own proposal, I want to be clear on this point. The bill that I have authored, S. 2979, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act, affects all the candidates for President in an attempt to preserve the tradition of openness and accountability that is no