

Kennedy's Secretary of the Interior. And my father ran for and won in a special election in 1960 Uncle Stewart's congressional seat. Some claim that his race was a referendum on the fledgling Kennedy administration, and that his victory was an affirmation of America's support for the goals of his presidency.

Whether that is true, it has proved to be a connection that would keep our families close for decades. And what binds the two families are the friendships that have been fostered over decades since friendships that cross generations and hopefully will continue into the next.

In 1971, my father ran for majority leader of the House of Representatives and lost. The same year, Senator Kennedy lost his bid for Senate whip. Soon after came a note to my father from Senator Kennedy which said, "Mo, as soon as I pull the liberal knives out of my back, I'll help you dig out the liberal buckshot from your backside."

My dad supported Ted Kennedy in his primary bid to become President in 1980.

He and Ted were friends for many decades, and in many ways, they were kindred spirits. They loved the outdoors, national parks, skiing in Colorado, and family touch football. We all will remember the photographs of Ted on his sailboat with his family his love of the ocean and boating and sharing it with generations of Kennedy children.

A few years after my dad lost his battle with Parkinson's disease, Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona sponsored legislation to establish the Morris K. Udall Foundation. Senator Kennedy joined in sponsoring the measure. In speaking about my dad, he noted: "He will rank as one of the greatest Members of the House of Representatives of all time, and also as one of the most beloved . . . Somehow, for 30 years, whenever you probed to the heart of the great concerns of the day, you found Mo Udall in the thick of the battle, championing the rights of average citizens against special interest pressures, defending the highest ideals of America, and always doing it with the special grace and wit that were his trademark and that endeared him to Democrats and Republicans alike."

If my dad were alive today, I think he would use the same words to describe Senator Kennedy. They both brought people together to do what is right for our country.

Recently, as I have thought about Senator Kennedy's legacy, I have remembered my dad's 1980 speech at the Democratic National Convention. After a tough primary battle, the Democrats were digging in and fighting among themselves. They needed to set aside their differences and join together to win the election. My dad rose to give the keynote address to remind Democrats that they were in this fight together. "We do fight and we kick and yell and scream and maybe even scratch a bit, but we fight because we

are a diverse party and because we've always tried to listen up to new ideas."

He concluded the speech with these comments: "This nation that we love will only survive, if each generation of caring Americans can blend two elements: change and the ability to adjust things to the special needs of our times; and second, stability, the good sense to carry forward the old values which are just as good now as they were 200 years ago."

These elements epitomize Ted Kennedy's legacy. He knew when a person or group of people needed a change in their circumstances.

His strong Catholic faith was the compass that guided his life. It was the driving force that led him to fight to make a difference in other people's lives, particularly those who were less fortunate.

Ted Kennedy's legislative successes are numerous and unquestionably have changed lives for the better. He fought to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. In the 1990s, he labored to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act. And he and Senator HATCH worked across the aisle to pass the Ryan White CARE Act. And it is his lifelong battle for universal health care coverage for Americans that he is best known for today.

The Kennedy and Udall ideals can live on through the younger generation. My cousin TOM and I served in the House of Representatives with PATRICK KENNEDY. Not only were we colleagues, but we are friends. We grew up in political families and from an early age, public service was a way of life. I was a proud supporter of PATRICK's crusade to pass mental health parity legislation in the House. Fortunately, Senator Kennedy lived to see his son's work come to fruition, keeping faith with the special Kennedy credo: aid those who need a helping hand.

TOM, PATRICK and I, as well as the rest of the Kennedy and Udall family members, have big shoes to fill. Whether we can actually fill them remains to be seen, but we must certainly push the trail blazed by our aunts and uncles, fathers and mothers as far as our endurance allows.

Senator Ted Kennedy surely will be missed not only on the Senate floor, but in our lives. I deeply regret I will not serve with him in the Senate. He was a champion, a fighter, and a friend. I want to say "goodbye" not only for me, but for my dad his friend. And I send my thoughts and prayers to Vicki, PATRICK, and the rest of the Kennedy family.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JIMMY MEANS

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today I congratulate Mr. Jimmy Means of Massachusetts for the quality of his service with the Massachusetts Highway Department and his contributions to the beautification of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Means began his career with the department as a toll collector on the Massachusetts Turnpike. And for the past 10 years, he has overseen the department's programs for collecting litter and beautifying the roadways in his native Worcester County.

This kind of public service is vital, because we know all too well that roadway litter remains a problem despite decades of antilitter efforts. Last year, more than 582 tons of litter were collected from along State roadways—an expense in the millions of dollars to Massachusetts taxpayers.

Massachusetts, like most States, encourages volunteer efforts to keep State roads and highways litter-free. At least once a month, from April 15 to November 15, volunteers "adopt" a 2-mile section of highway and remove litter.

But as important as the volunteers are, the beautification of Massachusetts highways depends largely on the work of people like Mr. Means. And in Worcester County, Mr. Means' friends and colleagues report that he in particular has built a reputation for responding quickly and efficiently to any highway blights, receiving praise from the local officials and the office of the Governor.

I congratulate Mr. Means for his work on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—work that all of us can take pride in and appreciate even more this time of year as tourists flock to New England to view our beautiful fall foliage. I applaud his efforts and his dedication in keeping Massachusetts roadways clean and safe—and wish him many more years of contributing to Massachusetts. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3548. An act to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3221. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs),