

## **George Mitchell**

George J. Mitchell's career in the United States Senate began in 1980, serving as majority leader from 1989 until he left the Senate in 1995. For six consecutive years he was voted the most respected member of the Senate by a bipartisan group of Senate aides. He led the Senate in ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement and creation of the World Trade Organization. Mitchell served as chair of the Peace Negotiations in Northern Ireland, through which the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom and the political parties of Northern Ireland agreed upon a historic accord in 1998.

Mitchell joined a Washington, D.C., law firm after leaving the Senate. He is the author of four books, including *Men of Zeal*, co-authored with William S. Cohen. Mitchell received his undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College and an LL.B. from Georgetown University Law Center. Before joining the Senate, he served as U.S. Attorney and U.S. District Judge for his home state of Maine.