

# George J. Mitchell

## Quotes

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From my parents, I learned a very strong work ethic, and all of my brothers and sisters all worked from the earliest days of life right through to the present time.

~George J. Mitchell

I didn't want to make it a lifetime thing. I don't believe in statutory term limits, but people can limit themselves if they want to, and that's what I decided to do.

~George J. Mitchell

I really owe everything to my parents and their devotion and drive to see to it that their children had the education which led to the opportunities that they never were able to have.

~George J. Mitchell

First, the American legislative process isn't well suited to large and complex measures.

~George J. Mitchell

Our firm view is that the president has no legal authority, none whatsoever, to commit American troops to war in the Persian Gulf or anywhere else without congressional authorization.

~George J. Mitchell

As they say, one thing led to another, and, ultimately, the British and Irish governments asked me to serve as chairman of the peace negotiations, which ironically began six years ago this week.

~George J. Mitchell

My mother was an immigrant from Lebanon to the United States. She came when she was 18 years old in 1920.

~George J. Mitchell

I spent two years in the Army. And my older brother, who was also a

great positive influence on me, encouraged me to think about law school, and I said - well, I didn't have any money.

~George J. Mitchell

The board is currently undertaking what could be its most important task, ... We are confident that we're going to make a choice that is in the best interest of the company, shareholders and others.

~George J. Mitchell

When I went to college, my goal was to be a college history teacher. I majored in history.

~George J. Mitchell

My parents were very poor, but we never felt any sense of need or want. It was a very close, loving, tightly-knit family growing up, and I never felt any sense of deprivation or anything like that.

~George J. Mitchell

I had been involved in U.S. intelligence in Berlin, Germany, while in the military and had worked with a contact with the Central Intelligence Agency office there.

~George J. Mitchell

And I spent that time working as an insurance adjuster and going to law school in the evening, and then when I left law school, I joined the Department of Justice in Washington.

~George J. Mitchell

I'm glad I made the decision, although the practice of law - and particularly serving as a federal judge - was a part of my life that I really enjoyed and treasured and look back on it with fondness.

~George J. Mitchell

I was the United States Attorney for Maine for three years, and then

was appointed a federal judge.

~George J. Mitchell

I had a great interest in sports. I had three older brothers who were great athletes. I was not.

~George J. Mitchell

I got a job with a law firm in Portland after a couple of years with Senator Muskie. But by then, my interest in politics had been sparked, through meeting Senator Muskie, through seeing what he did.

~George J. Mitchell

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