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Transcript:

Governor Chris Christie: As the years have gone by now, since his passing, I am glad to be here today to once again remind everyone and acknowledge what I believe is Bob's real legacy. And those are the people that he brought into public life, encouraged, gave confidence to, held their hand when they were having difficult times and was there to cheer and celebrate with them when they were having good times. He was there for all of that. And he did that regardless of party, as well. He had lots of friends on both sides of the aisle. He was an advocate for the Republican party and he could be a fierce partisan when he felt he needed to be. And one of our most effective ones. But because of Bob's personality, which I think Leonard put very well by saying 'effervescent,' because of his personality, even when he was being a fierce partisan against you, you couldn't help but like him. And there's very few people who have that talent to be able to really go after you and be able to move the needle politically for a political party but at the same time, be able to make friends with folks on both sides of the aisle and have them genuinely like him. Not like when people say 'my friend' but when they really mean my friend and that's part, I think, of Bob's legacy and something that we miss all too much now.

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