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DEDICATION TO JOHN H. FANNING

The Editorial Board of the Catholic University Law Review proudly dedicates Issue 1 of Volume 38 to John H. Fanning, a remarkable labor lawyer, dedicated public servant, loyal alumnus, and devoted friend to this law school.

September, 1988, marked the 50th anniversary of John Fanning's entering his first year class at the Catholic University of America Law School. In that year, 1938, the National Labor Relations Act was still in its infancy, its constitutionality having just been affirmed the previous year. From that beginning, John Fanning launched a career in labor law and a life-long association with his law school.

Few individuals have had as profound an impact on the development of labor law in this century. Public service has dominated John Fanning's career, which was highlighted by his twenty-five years as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Appointed and reappointed to the NLRB by five different Presidents, and for four years its chair, he ended his service as a Board member in 1982. His participation in some 25,000 decisions and opinions at the NLRB may never be equaled. Some occasionally generated controversy. Yet no Board member has earned wider or deeper respect from his colleagues, the labor-management bar, and representatives of industry and labor. Even those who occasionally might have disagreed with him never questioned his integrity or scholarship. Today, as he enters the second fifty years of his career, he sits on several corporate boards of directors, he enjoys an active law practice, and he is regularly asked to serve as mediator or labor arbitrator.

This illustrious career also has been punctuated by an abiding commitment to the students of this law school. Always concerned with young people, he has devoted himself to guiding hundreds of young lawyers entering careers in labor law. In 1982, this law school proudly announced the formation of the John H. Fanning Fund for Labor Studies to encourage the study of labor law at the school. It currently supports a labor law scholarship presented to the outstanding labor law student in the second year class and hosts an annual labor law writing competition. On the recommendation of the judging panel, the winning submission to the Fanning Labor Law Writing Competition is published annually in the Catholic University Law Review. The 1988 winning entry is published in this issue.

In April, 1988, the law school sponsored a labor symposium to commem-

orate the University's centennial. The lead article published in this issue, written by Professor Karl Klare, was presented at that symposium. At a dinner afterward, John Fanning addressed a large gathering of labor lawyers, all graduates of this law school. His words on that occasion provide a fitting epilogue to this dedication:

I think when future historians analyze what happened to America in the 20th century, one of the things they likely will conclude is that it was a century more than any other which embraced the effort to enhance the dignity of the human personality. We enacted legislation and developed many programs designed to meet the social, economic, cultural, political, and human needs of our people. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our system of industrial democracy. [This] legislation has enabled working people acting in concert to effect substantial changes in their economic lives and to make their aspirations a more promising reality. . . . All else is built on that.

With deepest respect and appreciation, we take this opportunity to celebrate that aspiration, and John H. Fanning, who has done so much to help make it a reality.



JOHN H. FANNING