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FORWARD TO 1982 SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW

The Louisiana and Spain Commemorative Congress provided a unique opportunity for Louisiana lawyers to participate in a direct interchange of ideas concerning the Spanish influence on the laws of this state, as well as Louisiana's own influence on the laws of Spain. Publication of the papers presented at the Congress was proposed by the Louisiana State Bar Association as a means of sharing those ideas with others who were unable to travel to Madrid.

At the time that proposal was made the *Louisiana Law Review* staff was unable to undertake such a project, so the Center of Civil Law Studies, under the direction of Professor Saul Litvinoff, offered to edit and prepare the manuscripts. The Bar Association provided funding for the translation of the Spanish papers and the Law Center subsidized the printing of this issue. Representing the Bar Association in this project were Mr. Shael Herman, Vice-President of the Congress, who served as general coordinator, and Mr. Thomas O. Collins, Jr., Secretary of the Congress, who administered the funds for the translation. Two people at the Center of Civil Law Studies were principally responsible for the realization of this project: Miss Nancy Dunning, the Assistant Director, who edited the papers and prepared them for the printer, and Miss Tina Rathcke, the CCLS secretary, who typed the majority of the manuscripts and helped proofread all of the articles. Also to be recognized are Mrs. Nina Pugh, who assisted in editing some of the translations, Mr. Kevin Reese, who worked on the footnoting, Miss Patricia McKay, who assisted with proofreading the articles, and the secretaries on the third floor of the Law Center, who helped with the typing of several manuscripts.

I am indeed pleased that the Law Center could play a role in making these papers available to a wider audience. Perhaps this publication will serve to spark further inquiry into the reciprocal influence to the laws of Spain and Louisiana and bolster the relations initiated by the Congress.

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