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DEDICATION: SIDNEY A. CHAMPAGNE

It goes without saying that Sidney Champagne is an outstanding scholar and teacher, and it is fitting that the editors of Volume 48 of the Louisiana Law Review, who know him principally in these roles, now formally recognize these achievements through their decision to dedicate this volume to him. I, and many other members of the faculty, on the other hand, tend to take these qualities for granted, and our commendation of Sidney is based more on our appreciation of his gifted administrative ability, his loyalty to the Law Center, his unfailing good spirit and friendship.

If I did not know Sidney I could not imagine the immense value that he could bring to my administration, but having known him almost from the start of that administration, I cannot now imagine how it could operate without him. No one in the Law Center, of course, is indispensable, but Sidney comes as close to that condition as is possible. If he is not an indispensable party, he is certainly a necessary one.

More than anyone else Sidney has engendered a spirit of institutional loyalty and good rapport in our excellent but diverse faculty. Because of this achievement, our stable, unified faculty is almost unique in a system of American legal education that witnesses daily many law faculties being torn apart because of personal and ideological differences. How has he accomplished this outstanding feat? The answer I believe is simple, yet profound. Sidney knows, believes and practices the philosophy that the best way to inspire loyalty is to give it and that friendship is not a one-way street. And he knows, with Samuel Johnson, that "example is more efficacious than precept."

Scholar, teacher, quintessential administrator, loyal servant, friend, man of honor and gentleman are terms that associate with the name Sidney Champagne. In recognition of these sterling characteristics the Law Center and the faculty are pleased and privileged to join with the editors of the Review in dedicating this volume to him.

William D. Hawkland

