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**This volume is dedicated to the memory of
Senator SPARK M. MATSUNAGA
of the State of Hawaii**

The life of Spark Matsunaga was motivated by the same motivation that leads the Law of the Sea Institute to dedicate its efforts to the resolution of conflict by consensus and peaceful means. As a young soldier in World War II, as a Japanese-American engaged in conflict with the land of his origins, as a member of the 442nd Battalion of the United States Army, wounded in battle and believing that he was dying, he saw the horror and futility of using war as an extension of political policy. He then resolved to dedicate his life to the resolution of conflict through law and legislation.

He was responsible for the establishment of the United States Peace Academy, but more than that, he recognized that solutions to mankind's problems are found not in words but in deeds, and that among those deeds is the wise use of the ocean. He thus initiated legislation that advanced the development of ocean thermal energy and deep seabed mining. In perhaps his last official act, he wrote to the President of the United States and to senior members of his cabinet suggesting that the Administration examine the potential of ocean thermal energy for meeting the energy, fresh water, and marine protein needs of the developing world in a manner that benefited the environment.

In dedicating this proceedings to Spark Matsunaga we need not endorse the specific concepts that he espoused, but we do set forth as our example his dedication to the generation of proposals for the solution of the problems of mankind. We must be dedicated, as he was, to international consensus on the policies and laws by which the ocean continues to be of benefit to mankind, the common heritage, and the common good.

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