

refurbish the moot courtroom. Historical memorabilia from the judge's many years in public office will be on display in the College of Law. Judge Celebrezze has received numerous honors in all facets of his professional work and human endeavor. These will be on permanent display as testimony to his outstanding achievements in his professional career.

Judge Celebrezze has served two United States presidents with distinction, and has been recognized for both his private and public commitment to community and community service.

It is with honor and distinction that the family and friends of Ohio Northern University recognize this very special and dear alumnus through the creation of this endowment fund.



*(Above) Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Secretary Celebrezze and President Lyndon B. Johnson.*

*(Below) Secretary Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary Celebrezze, and President John F. Kennedy.*



## Ohio Northern University



### Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr. Endowment Fund



"He is a man of ability, character,  
and experience."

*Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff*

## Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr.

Born in Anzi, Italy, on September 4, 1910, one of 13 children, Judge Celebrezze came to this country at the age of two. He attended public schools in Cleveland, Fenn College and John Carroll University. He graduated from Ohio Northern University with an LL.B degree in 1936. His activities in public affairs began upon his graduation from the College of Law when he joined the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

He entered general practice in 1939. His political star began its ascendancy in 1950 when he was elected to the Ohio Senate. His able work in this august body resulted in his reelection in 1952 as State Senator, and twice he was voted one of the top senators.

Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr. was first elected Cleveland's mayor in November of 1953. His businesslike attention to the city's problems and his money-conscious ways of solving them won the respect of voters. He was the only mayor in the city's history to be elected to five consecutive terms. In November 1959, he was reelected by a record 73.8% of the votes cast; he won every one of the city's 33 wards.

Judge Celebrezze was elected president of the American Municipal Association (now the National League of Cities) in 1958, and served as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 1962.

In July of 1962, Celebrezze was appointed to the Cabinet post as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He served in the Cabinets of both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson until August of 1965. During this time, Celebrezze was responsible for enactment of important social legislation, including the Medicare Act, the Drug Abuse Control Act, the Older American Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Anthony J. Celebrezze took the oath of office as Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals on September 1, 1965. By Act of Congress, the federal building in Cleveland is named the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building.



*Secretary Celebrezze and President John F. Kennedy*

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## **Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr. Endowment Fund for the Moot Court Room**

Judge Anthony J. Celebrezze has had a life-long commitment to both public and private higher education, once having served as secretary of health, education, and welfare, the highest office in the country in support of education. As a graduate of the Ohio Northern University Law School, he has held a special interest in private education in general and Ohio Northern University in particular. He has served his alma mater well and it is appropriate that the establishment of the Anthony J. Celebrezze, Sr. Endowment Fund become a reality. As further recognition of Judge Celebrezze's continued life-long commitment to public service, the moot courtroom in the Ohio Northern University College of Law will be named for this distinguished gentleman.

The intra-school moot court competition is also named in honor of Judge Celebrezze.

The Anthony J. Celebrezze Endowment Fund will provide funding to be used to renovate and