Advisor and executive, you have ministered unto our school and state by setting a standard of quiet excellence and abiding charity. A lawyer by training, your service at the Bar has led to the presidency of great industries upon which each citizen depends. Yet your power to wield thunderbolts, atomic and electric, and your pre-eminence in the affairs of the world has not overcome your deep-seated concern for the individual and for the community which you have served as first selectman, judge, state senator, and first citizen. The College and Hospital of Hartford have been shaped by your wisdom, as have the many banks, corporations and committees you have served. Only North Carolinian ducks and occasional Democrats have suffered at your hands. By myriad unknown charities, selfless devotion to good causes, and plain good sense you have earned the love of your follow Townsmen, the admiration of your society and our Citation of Merit.