Soldier, one-time factory worker, now director and captain of industry, dedicated servant of the public interests, recipient of the Luiz Award in 1957 given to the most outstanding citizen of Dallas; moulder of the new empire of Texas. His achievements are classic and exemplify one of the fundamental strengths of our nation, the ability of talented, hard-working men to produce benefits for the entire society through their mastery of a particular technology. Now chairman of the board and chief executive of Dresser Industries, his company operates 16 plants and 8 mines and produces a broad range of equipment and supplies for the oil and gas industry. This accomplishment is matched by his vigorous participation in civic affairs as diverse as the Southwestern Research Institute and the Dallas Crime Commission and by his interest and devotion to affairs of this school. It is through the efforts of men such as this that Texas acquires its awesome reputation, and that the nation is able to stand as an international bulwark of freedom. The alumni of Taft take pleasure in conferring upon him their Citation of Merit.