

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1985 Recipient**



Hon. Robert Workman Sweet '40

Passionate in your firm belief that society can be changed for the better, you stand as a model for all who would aspire to Horace Taft's hopes for his school's graduates. Prepared by Taft, Yale, and Yale Law, you have never failed to answer your country's call. Commanding a patrol craft in the Pacific during World War II undoubtedly helped prepare you for your role as deputy mayor of New York City, where you met crisis after crisis and inspired others with your contagious enthusiasm and grace under pressure. Fairness and patience were the foundation upon which you built your belief that urban America was indeed governable. As deputy mayor and now as United States Federal District judge, you have demonstrated that one individual, steadfast in principle and personal sacrifice, can make a difference in the betterment of society. Trusted friend, courageous leader, loyal alumnus and trustee, you have forged and abided by a code of conduct which personifies the best of our country and school. Today we affirm and pay tribute to your extraordinary achievement and example by bestowing upon you your school's highest honor: the Alumni Citation of Merit.