

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1960 Recipient**



**Robert Alphonso Taft '06
1889-1953**

Scholar, member of the Bar, leader of men, outstanding member of a family renowned throughout the nation in all generations for its public service, state representative, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Ohio, United States Senator from Ohio from 1939 until his death, creator of responsible, constructive political leadership, whose memorials are not only of stone and sounding bells but in a standard of public conduct and integrity unmatched in our nation's history coupled with a practical knowledge which has made real his vision. He was the rare statesman who could command by sheer respect rather than retribution and who possessed not only the judgment but the courage to confess error and doubt. His personality and the compelling force of his concepts are some of the landmarks of our free society now and for all time. The alumni of Taft are proud to confer upon your father their Citation of Merit.

Presented posthumously and accepted by Robert A. Taft, Jr. '35, son of Robert Alphonso Taft '06.