

LAWRENCE H. FOUNTAIN

Lawrence H. Fountain is a superbly effective public servant; he has responsibly represented this State in the United States Congress since 1953. Born in Leggett, he earned both Bachelor's and Law degrees from this University. After a few years of practice of law in Tarboro, interrupted by service in the United States Army in World War II, he was elected to the North Carolina State Senate and thereafter was chosen to serve his State in the Nation's Capital.

Letters from faculty members in support of Mr. Fountain's nomination--an unusual number--describe him not only as helpful and responsive, but also as steady, thorough and solid: a legislator's legislator. To mention only one out of many of Mr. Fountain's important legislative contributions, he sponsored more than twenty years ago the creation of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, on which he himself has served. This law, more than any other, has led to landmark research and significant changes that have bolstered the health and vitality of our federal system.

In this age it is also heartening to know that the citizens of this State are represented by a man who is not only highly competent and dedicated, but also of high moral character. With this Award the University honors the distinguished achievements of this public servant.