



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1983**

**FRANK SPAIN**, son of a Methodist minister, attended Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama Law School. He was an Assistant City Attorney later joining a law firm, then known as Spain, Gillon, Riley, Tate and Etheredge.

Mr. Spain, Mr. Frank Samford and Mr. Bob Davison, childhood friends, were instrumental in moving the Liberty Life Assurance Society (now known as Liberty National Life Insurance) from Philadelphia to Birmingham in 1927. Mr. Spain became general counsel and a member of the Board of Directors and later Vice President, where his advice and assistance were invaluable. He became nationally known as an outstanding insurance attorney.

He was involved in other growing enterprises including the Tutwiler Hotel parent company, Bankers Mortgage Bond Company, Odum, Bowers and White Department Store and Golden Flake Snack Foods.

His contributions are many – the land for the University of Alabama Medical Center was acquired through condemnation of underdeveloped land, which he made possible. He served in many capacities on many civic groups from Scoutmaster to President of the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce. He was Appeals Chairman for Jefferson County Community Chest-United Way for many years, Director of Alabama Society of Crippled Children and Adults, member of the Advisory Committee of Cumberland Law School, and the Alabama Medical Center Foundation Board.

The Alabama Medical Association bestowed upon Mr. Spain the “Gorgas Award” for services in the field of health. He was decorated a Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor for his work in international friendship.

His philanthropies include Spain Rehabilitation Center, the Community Services Building, Spain Heart Tower, a 300 acre park in Shelby County where the City of Birmingham grows its greenery, the Episcopal Student Center in Tuscaloosa and 1,400 acres near Talladega National Forest for the Boy Scouts.

He passed away in 1986.