

## 1990 Engineer of Distinction



**David B. Soloff, Jr.**  
B.S. Civil Engineering, TPI, 1953

President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board of:  
Soloff Construction Company, Inc.  
Soloff Properties, Inc.  
Crown Properties, Inc.  
Foam-Crete, Inc.  
L & M Construction Co., Inc.  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lightweight Concrete Co., Inc.  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Citation

David B. "Mickey" Soloff, Jr., a 1953 civil engineering graduate of Tennessee Technological University, has always been driven by a desire to "build."

Mr. Soloff became one of D.W. Mattson's "Gol-Dum Monkeys" in 1949. Mr. Mattson was head of the Civil Engineering Department at Tech. Dr. Wallace Prescott was an Associate Professor Civil Engineering at the time of this enrollment. In addition to his parents, these two men instilled a desire for hard work and perfection in all things that he was to become involved in.

Upon graduation in 1953, Mr. Soloff was employed as a Civil Engineer with TVA in the Division of Power Engineering and Construction. Tiring of TVA paperwork and driven by the desire to be a part of the construction industry, he joined a masonry firm as an estimator in 1954.

In 1957, Mr. Soloff formed a partnership to construct masonry buildings. Needing income to support a growing family, he also started a steel specialty company estimating and supplying structural steel, bar joist, metal doors, frames and windows to the construction industry. In 1960, Foam-Crete, a roof deck, roofing and fire-proofing company, was formed to service those segments of the industry. Lightweight Concrete Company of Nashville was acquired in 1961.

Mr. Soloff became active in the Mason Contractors Association of America, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Serving in all offices of the organization, he became President of the National Organization in 1974.

In 1976, he received the Industry's highest award—the "Lead Man Award." During this same year he was instrumental in founding and becoming Chairman of the International Masonry Institute located in Washington, DC. The Masonry Industry Committee, located in Washington, DC, consisting of both labor and management representatives, elected Mr. Soloff its Chairman for 1978.

During the Carter administration, Mr. Soloff received a Meritorious Citation for work in the re-organization of the Government Supply Agency (GSA). Millions of dollars were reduced from GSA's expenses due to the work of the Committee on which he served.

The year 1980 saw the formation of Soloff Construction Company. This company specializes in the construction and remodeling of shopping centers throughout the country. The firm is licensed in sixteen states. Soloff has constructed buildings as far north as Syracuse, New York, as far south as Naples, Florida, and as far west as Cheyenne, Wyoming.

During the same year, Crown Properties was formed by Mr. Soloff to develop shopping centers in the Southeast. Since the formations, Soloff and Crown have developed and constructed over a million square feet of commercial rental space.

In 1982, Mr. Soloff was elected to *The Marquis Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

Soloff Properties was formed in 1985 to develop shopping centers for investment institutions as well as for the Soloff family. Presently, Soloff Properties is developing the second largest strip center in Tennessee for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company. The center, known as Hamilton Village, is being built in Chattanooga by Soloff Construction.

In addition to serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of all of the above companies, Mr. Soloff serves many local and national organizations in an advisory position. Among these, he serves as Director of Sovran Bank of Chattanooga; a member of Tennessee Tech's Board of Engineering Advisors; a member of the Associated General Contractors Association of America; Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, International Council of Shopping Centers, and the Construction Specification Institute of America.



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