

The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EVELYN KAWAMOTO 2002 HAWAII SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

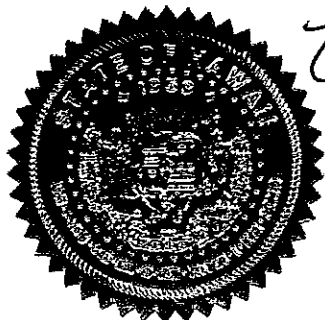
The Swimming Hall of Fame was founded in 2002 by the Hawaii Swimming Legacy Project to memorialize Hawaii's rich heritage of water sports and recognize swimmers, divers, and water polo players who have made important contributions to their sports. Its mission is to promote, preserve, and perpetuate the achievements of Hawaii's swimmers, divers, and water polo athletes. In order to commemorate Hawaii athletes' achievements in water sports, volunteers have gathered, preserved, and disseminated oral histories, photographs, and memorabilia about Hawaii's aquatic sports.

EVELYN KAWAMOTO is one of Hawaii's greatest swimmers. Evelyn was one of the inaugural inductees into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002. She was honored for her outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming.

Evelyn's achievements include winning eight national Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) championship titles. She also has been recognized as an AAU All American swimmer.

One of her greatest accomplishments was winning two bronze medals at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. Evelyn won a bronze medal in the 400-meter freestyle. In doing so, she became the first Japanese American woman to win an Olympic medal. She went on to win a second bronze medal in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to EVELYN KAWAMOTO for her 2002 induction to the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame, recognizes her many achievements and contributions to the sport of swimming, and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.



Done this 7th day of December 2005
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

Sponsoring Senator

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate