

The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FUJIKO KATSUTANI 2002 HAWAII SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

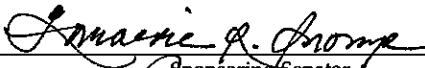
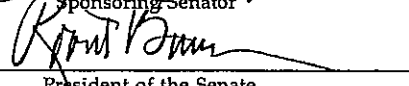
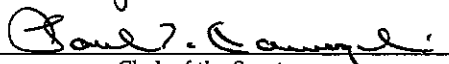
The Swimming Hall of Fame was founded in 2002 by the Hawaii Swimming Legacy Project to memorialize Hawaii's rich heritage of water sports and recognize swimmers, divers, and water polo players who have made important contributions to their sports. Its mission is to promote, preserve, and perpetuate the 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.

FUJIKO KATSUTANI is one of Hawaii's greatest swimmers. Fujiko was one of the inaugural inductees into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002. She began training with legendary swim coach Soichi Sakamoto on Maui when she was only twelve years old. Two years later, at age fourteen, Fujiko captured the gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke at the national Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) championships.

Fujiko qualified for a spot on the 1940 Olympic Swimming team, but the Games were cancelled due to the advent of WWII, curtailing her Olympic dreams. She competed at the AAU championships again in 1940 and won the gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke. Fujiko has been honored as an AAU All American swimmer.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to FUJIKO KATSUTANI 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

