

The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. HARRY HUFFAKER 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.

DR. HARRY HUFFAKER is one of Hawaii's greatest ocean swimmers. Harry was an inaugural inductee to the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to the sport of ocean swimming.

Harry swam competitively as a member of the university swim team while attending the University of Michigan. After completing dental school in Michigan, Harry arrived in Hawaii and began conquering every major channel swim crossing between the Hawaiian islands.

He began by swimming the Kaiwi Channel in 1967, and subsequently completed a total of eight channel crossings. Among his numerous accomplishments, Harry set a record for being the first person to swim the thirty-mile Alenuihaha Channel from Hawaii to Maui in 1970. In 1972, he became the first person to swim the Kaiwi Channel in the reverse direction from Oahu to Molokai.

Harry continued to attempt new challenges and, in 1989, he became the first person to swim the Kalohi Channel in the reverse direction from Molokai to Lanai. In 1987, Harry swam the 8.8-mile Auau Channel from Lanai to Maui, and then swam it again twice in 1989.

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

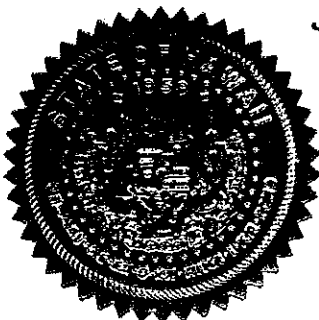
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