



The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GEORGE ONEKEA 2003 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.

GEORGE ONEKEA is one of Hawaii's greatest swimmers. George was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2003. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming.

George's outstanding swimming career began as a swimmer at Iolani School. Other achievements include qualifying as a member of the 1956 U.S. Olympic Team. At sixteen years of age, he was the youngest member of the U.S. team to compete at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. He qualified in both the 400-meter and 1500-meter freestyle events.

George is a National Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) Champion in the 1500-meter freestyle. He also was named an AAU All American swimmer.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to GEORGE ONEKEA for his 2003 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.

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

Sponsoring Senator

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

