



The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "SONNY" TANABE 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.

RICHARD "SONNY" TANABE is one of Hawaii's greatest swimmers. Sonny was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2003. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming.

One of his greatest accomplishments of his outstanding swimming career was as a member of the U.S. team competing at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Sonny qualified second in the 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Trials. He swam a leg of the 4x200-meter freestyle relay at the Melbourne Games.

Sonny was a member of the 1956 National AAU All American Team and a three time member of the NCAA All American Team. He is a six time National Masters Swimming Champion and has set four National records. He is the President of the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame and President of the Hawaii Chapter of U.S. Olympians.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to RICHARD "SONNY" TANABE 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