



The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO YOSHI OYAKAWA 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.

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

Yoshi's outstanding swimming career began when he was fifteen years old. At age eighteen, he qualified for the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team. During that 1952 Helsinki competition, Yoshi won a gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke with a record-breaking time. As an Air Force Second Lieutenant, Yoshi also competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, where he placed eighth in the 100-meter backstroke.

Yoshi has won six Big Ten, seven NCAA, and nine National AAU gold medals during his distinguished career in Hilo, Hawaii, and at Ohio State University. He has won twenty-six major National Swimming titles in AAU and NCAA Championships. He has set many American and World records. Yoshi is a Masters Swimmer and has won numerous National titles and set National Records in Masters Swimming. He has been named as a National AAU All American swimmer and as an NCAA All American swimmer.

In 1973, in recognition of his achievements as one of the world's greatest swimmers, Yoshi was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Swimmer.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to YOSHI OYAKAWA 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

