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Aloha Pumehana!



Mahalo everyone for joining us this evening as we honor the inaugural class of nine inductees in the newly formed Hawaii Waterman Hall of Fame.

Creating a lasting tribute to the Hawaii waterman legacy has been a dream of mine and many other *kama'aina* in Hawaii's ocean sports community, and I am absolutely thrilled to see this permanent recognition established this year.

The watermen and waterwomen are vital to the fabric of the Hawaiian Islands and have been essential to defining the unique qualities of who we are as a place and as a people. One only needs to look at the accomplishments of our nine honorees to see how they have contributed to the betterment of Hawaii and inspired countless young people over the years to excel, yours truly included.

What a list of Hawaii legends! Collectively, these honorees have had an incredible influence on Hawaii's ocean sports legacy and made a profound impact on both the people of our islands, and in ocean sports communities around the world.

I feel especially privileged to have personally known, surfed alongside, or paddled with all nine inductees, including our three posthumous honorees.

On behalf of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, we are deeply honored to present these inductees to the people of Hawaii in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

We are very grateful to Primo for joining us in this commitment to honor these icons of Hawaii, and also thank the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa for providing us with the space to create a permanent display for *kama'aina* and visitors to enjoy.

Finally, our heartiest congratulations go to our nine honorees and their *'ohana* for induction into the inaugural class of the Hawaii Waterman Hall of Fame.

Imua!

Tim Guard
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