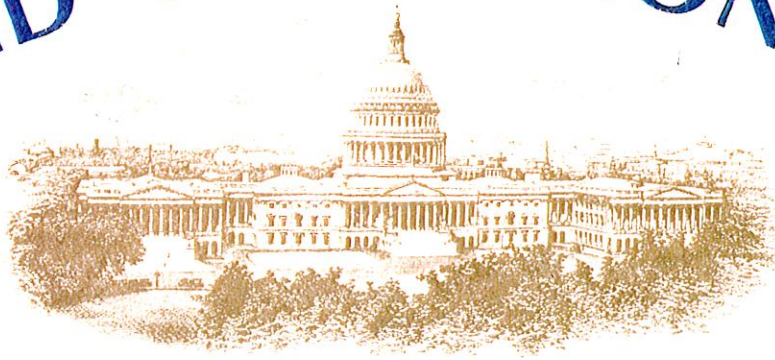


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Message

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It is a pleasure to send my heartfelt aloha to all of you attending the 2000 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] Banquet. I regret that I am unable to attend personally.

For fourteen years, Ernst & Young LLP, along with national sponsors USA Today, CNN & CNNfn, The Nasdaq-Amex Market Group, and the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, has honored those entrepreneurs who have demonstrated an outstanding ability in creating and sustaining a successful business.

The inclusion of entrepreneurs from Hawaii to this awards program is a testimony to the aloha spirit, business savvy; and cultural diversity that Hawaii businesses thrive on for success.

Each of you being honored tonight can be extremely proud of your success. You have met stringent criteria and have been selected by an independent national judging panel to receive your award. Congratulations to each of you.

Mahalo to Ernst & Young for their commitment to our community and for recognizing the dedication and hard work of tonight's awardees and best wishes for a successful banquet.




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