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## Message

It is with great admiration and pride that I pay my respects to Mrs. Matsu Toyama on her achievement as the first woman to be honored as an Okinawan cultural samisen instructor in Hawaii.

This personal accomplishment is more astounding in view of her success as a widow in raising eight children and two nieces and two nephews into useful and upstanding citizens of our community.

Mrs. Toyama has also contributed to the good Christian life as a member and past president of the women's auxiliary of Wesley Methodist Church.

It is indeed a distinct honor to be able to extend my personal congratulations to an outstanding artist and conscientious mother.

Warmest aloha.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

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**SUBJECT:** Congratulation Message in Program Brochure

**DEBUT:** Recital to Honor Mrs. Matsu Toyama on  
January 7, 1967 at Farrington High School  
Auditorium, starting at 7:00 PM

**HIGH-LITE:** Mrs. Matsu Toyama is the first woman to be  
honored as an Okinawan cultural samisen  
instructor in Hawaii.

**BRIEF-HISTORY:** Mrs. Matsu Toyama became a widow at age 42 in  
1941 and she raised eight (8) of her own children  
and also two (2) nieces and two (2) nephews.  
Her children are very useful citizens in our  
community.

Mrs. Toyama is a very good christian,  
member of Wesley Methodist Church and she was  
past president for two years of the  
Women's Auxiliary