



Dr. Jane Katz, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 2014



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Dr. Jane Katz was one of the original members of the Manhattan Island Swimming Association and contributed to creating one of the most popular/iconic global marathons. She is also a renowned educator, speaker, coach and author with a background as a world-class competitive and long-distance swimmer. She is a prolific writer and author and currently a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York in the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, teaching fitness and swimming to New York City police and firefighters. As a member of the 1964 United States Synchronized Swimming Performance Team in Tokyo, Dr. Katz helped pioneer the acceptance of synchronized swimming as an Olympic event. At the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia in 2000, Dr. Katz was awarded the Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) Amateur Certificate of Merit to honor her lifetime of “dedication and contribution to the development” of the sport of swimming. She has been recognized many times by the International Swimming Hall of Fame: Buck Dawson Authors Award, 2016 G. Harold Martin Award and 2009 Paragon Award.

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