THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Rose A. Casement, Ed.D., professor of education, School of Education and Human Services, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Casement received her B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1967, and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Maine in 1978 and 1998, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1999, and was promoted to associate professor in 2004, and professor in 2009.

Professor Casement's work focused on children's literature and literacy. Her research on children's literature and teaching explored a wide range of topics including Black history; diversity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) studies; multiculturalism; and students identified with special needs. Professor Casement authored *Black History in the Pages of Children's Literature* (2008) and co-authored, with Diana Mitchell and Pamela Waterbury, *Children's Literature: An Invitation to the World* (2003). She presented her research at thirty-four local, state, national, and international conferences. An inspiring and accomplished teacher, Professor Casement's expertise in special education informed and shaped her teaching emphasis on inclusionary practices. Professor Casement served in various leadership roles including as chair of the Department of Education (2005-06) and associate dean of education in the School of Education and Human Services (2007-09). She was involved in community outreach and played an instrumental role in the establishment of the annual Christopher Paul Curtis Writer's Conference for young children.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Rose A. Casement professor emerita of education.

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