

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 17, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Virginia Richardson, Ph.D., professor of education in the School of Education, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Richardson received her B.A. degree from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1960, her M.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1962, and her Ph.D. degree from Syracuse University in 1973. From 1972-84, she served as deputy assistant director and then assistant director in the Teaching and Instruction Division of the National Institute of Education, U.S. Department of Education. She joined the faculty of the University of Maryland in 1984 and served on the faculty of the University of Arizona from 1985-96. Professor Richardson joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of education in 1996.

Professor Richardson is an internationally recognized scholar with expertise in teaching and teacher education, who has published widely in this field. Her research interests focus on teaching, including teacher beliefs and decision-making; teacher/student interaction around the moral dimensions of classrooms; teacher change, including teacher education and staff development; teaching policy; qualitative methodology; and evaluation and research design. For her contributions to teacher education she was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Virginia Richardson professor emerita of education.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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