

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 17, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

William Zimmerman, Ph.D., professor of political science, research scientist, Center for Russian and East European Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Zimmerman received his B.A. degree from Swarthmore College in 1958, his M.A. degree from George Washington University in 1959, and his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1965. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1964 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and professor in 1973. He was appointed research scientist in the Center for Political Studies in 1972 and research scientist in the Center for Russian and East European Studies in 1975. Within the Center for Political Studies he was promoted to senior research scientist in 1997 and was named research professor in 2003.

Professor Zimmerman served as director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies (1972-78 and 1991-92) and associate dean for academic appointments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (1981-84), and was director of the Center for Political Studies in the Institute for Social Research from 1996-02. A leading authority on the former Soviet Union and Russian foreign policy, Professor Zimmerman has been a pioneer in bringing survey research methods to the study of Russian politics. He has made many contributions to understanding the elite-mass gap in Russia and Ukraine, the relationship between domestic and foreign policy in Russia and the former Soviet Union, and the role of culture in world politics. In 2004, Professor Zimmerman was awarded the highest honor given by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Slavic Studies. He received the Helen Dwight Reid award in 1966 for the best dissertation in the field of international relations from the American Political Science Association (APSA), and also received the award for best paper at the 1974 Annual Meeting of APSA. Within the University, he was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2004-05.

The Regents salute this distinguished scholar by naming **William Zimmerman professor emeritus of political science, research scientist emeritus, and research professor emeritus.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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