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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

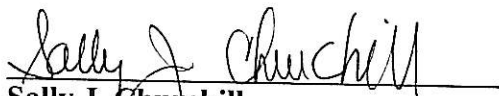
**E. Philip Soper, Ph.D., J.D.**, James V. Campbell Professor of Law and professor of law, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

Professor Soper received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University in 1964, 1965, and 1972, respectively, and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1969. Following his graduation from law school, Professor Soper served as law clerk to Justice Byron R. White and as a staff member in the general counsel's office of the Council on Environmental Quality. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1973 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1976, and professor in 1978. He was named the James V. Campbell Professor of Law in 1991.

Professor Soper has been a distinguished member of the Law School faculty and has taught courses in jurisprudence and contracts. His rigorous courses demanded a high level of intellectual performance from his students and earned their admiration, affection, and respect. His scholarly work has made him a leading figure in the field of legal theory, and he has published frequently on this subject in both legal and philosophical journals.

The Regents now salute this accomplished scholar and educator for his long and dedicated service by naming **E. Philip Soper James V. Campbell Professor Emeritus of Law and professor emeritus of law.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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