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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

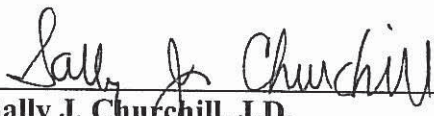
Robert A. Fakler, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2009.

Professor Fakler received his B.A. degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1965, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1967 and 1972, respectively. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1972 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1977.

Professor Fakler published in the area of functional analysis, and he co-authored a number of papers on geometric probability that established him as an authority in this area. He has served on the executive committee of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and on other department and university committees, including the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee and several search committees. Professor Fakler developed and taught a course in topology, and has influenced more than a generation of engineering, science, and mathematics students through his teaching of the pre-calculus and calculus sequence and of numerous upper-level courses for mathematics majors. In this and in many other ways, he has contributed substantially to the mathematics profession and to mathematical life at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator by naming **Robert A. Fakler associate professor emeritus of mathematics.**

Requested by:



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