## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** 

**Adoption of Retirement Memoir** 

**Peter L. Duren, Ph.D.,** professor of mathematics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2010.

Professor Duren received his A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1956 and his Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1960. From 1960-62, he was an instructor at Stanford University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1962, and was promoted to associate professor in 1966 and professor in 1969.

A prolific writer, Professor Duren authored or coauthored more than 125 research papers and published four research-level books: *Theory of H<sup>p</sup> Spaces* (1970), *Univalent Functions* (1983), *Harmonic Mappings in the Plane* (2004), and *Bergman Spaces* (coauthored with Alexander Schuster) (2004). A book at the undergraduate level, *Invitation to Classical Analysis*, is currently in preparation. He served on numerous editorial boards, and was the principal editor of the three-volume historical collection, *A Century of Mathematics in America*, published by the American Mathematical Society on the occasion of its centennial.

Throughout his 48 years in the Department of Mathematics, Professor Duren was a popular and effective teacher who taught a variety of courses at all levels and supervised the dissertations of 25 Ph.D. students. Professor Duren served the Department of Mathematics as associate chair for graduate studies, chair of the Doctoral Committee, and managing editor of the *Michigan Mathematical Journal*. He was elected to the Council of the American Mathematical Society and to the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America. For the last ten years he served as treasurer of the Academic Freedom Lecture Fund at the University of Michigan. In honor of Professor Duren's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, an international research conference was held in El Escorial, Spain, and a special issue of the journal *Complex Variables and Elliptic Equations* was dedicated to him.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming Peter L. Duren professor emeritus of mathematics.

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