

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

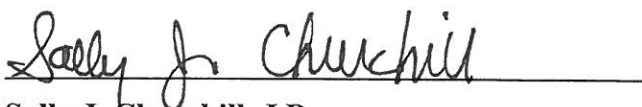
Susan B. Neuman, Ed.D., professor of education in the School of Education, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Neuman received her B.A. degree from American University in 1968, her M.A. degree from California State University, Hayward in 1974, and Ed.D. degree from the University of the Pacific in 1977. She served on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell (1986-90) and Temple University (1990-2000). She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 2000. She served as director of the Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement from 2000-01 and as assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education for the U.S. Department of Education from 2001-03.

A leading authority on early literacy development, Professor Neuman studied early childhood policy, curriculum, and early reading instruction for economically disadvantaged children. She has authored and co-authored a number of notable scholarly articles and books including *Educating the Other America* (2008), *Changing the Odds for Children at Risk: Seven Essential Principles of Education Programs that Break the Cycle of Poverty* (2009), *Giving Our Children a Fighting Chance: Poverty, Literacy, and the Development of Information Capital* (2012), and *All About Words: Increasing Vocabulary in the Common Core Classroom, preK-2* (2013). In her role as assistant secretary, Professor Neuman established the Early Reading First Program, advanced the Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program, and was responsible for all activities outlined in Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. She received an honorary doctorate from California State University, Hayward in 2002 and the Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service from the University of the Pacific in 2003.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Susan B. Neuman professor emerita of education.**

Requested by:



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