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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mila Blaivas, M.D., Ph.D., clinical associate professor of pathology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on July 31, 2010.

Dr. Blaivas received her M.D. degree from the 2nd N.I. Pirogov Moscow State Medical Institute in 1961 and her Ph.D. degree from the USSR Academy of Medicine Brain Institute in Moscow in 1967. She came to the University of Michigan in 1981 to pursue a residency program in anatomic and clinical pathology. Upon completing her residency in 1985, she joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer. She was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1986 and clinical associate professor in 1993.

Dr. Blaivas has collaborated on a number of research programs during her career, including projects in the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and she has been a co-investigator on research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. Her bibliography reflects over 80 publications in peer-reviewed journals, two book reviews, five chapters in books, and numerous abstracts, preliminary communications, and panel discussions. Dr. Blaivas is an active member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Association of Neuropathologists, the International Association of Neuropathologists, the United States and Canadian Academies of Pathology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A dedicated teacher and skilled diagnostic clinician, Dr. Blaivas has participated actively in the department's teaching programs. She provided instruction in brain, muscle, and nerve pathology for residents and fellows, was an instructor for the Neuropathology Basic Science course for second-year medical students for more than 20 years, and from 1996-2003 taught dental students in the area of bone, muscle, and soft tissue pathology. Dr. Blaivas received the Resident Teaching Award in 1988 and 1998.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician and educator by naming Mila Blaivas clinical associate professor emerita of pathology.

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