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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

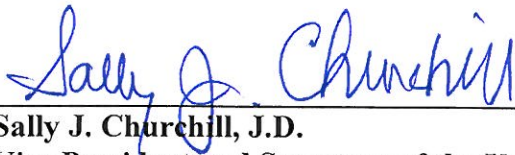
**L. Paul Sonda III, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of radiology, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2012.

Dr. Sonda received his B.A. degree from Columbia College in 1968 and his M.D. degree from Wayne State University in 1972. He completed a general surgery residency (1972-74) and a general urology residency (1974-77) at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in the Department of Surgery, Division of Urology in 1977, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1979, and associate professor in 1986. In 1993, Dr. Sonda decided to make a career change and began a general radiology residency in which he trained to become an abdominal radiologist focused on gastrointestinal radiology. Following completion of his residency and fellowship, he was appointed clinical assistant professor of radiology in 1998.

Dr. Sonda has been a leader in the Division of Gastrointestinal Radiology. He has refined standard procedures for barium studies, organized an efficient division of labor to enhance throughput, and provided outstanding teaching to radiology trainees. As a testimony to his work, Dr. Sonda and two of his colleagues served as oral board examiners in gastrointestinal radiology for the American Board of Radiology. This is a high honor, as only 25 radiologists are selected in each subspecialty to administer these examinations each year. In recognition of his service to the University of Michigan Health System, Dr. Sonda received the Outstanding Clinician Award from the dean of the Medical School in 2009.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **L. Paul Sonda III clinical assistant professor emeritus of radiology**.

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