

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

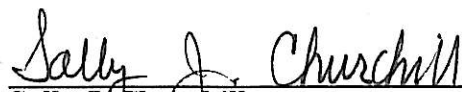
David Hay Garabrant, M.D., M.P.H., professor of occupational medicine and professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, and associate professor of emergency medicine, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2007.

Dr. Garabrant received his B.S. (1972) and M.D. (1976) degrees from Tufts University and his M.P.H. (1979) and M.S. (1980) degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health. He trained in internal medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center and Boston University Medical Center from 1976-78 and in occupational medicine at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1978-81. From 1981-88 he was a faculty member at the University of Southern California. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1988 as an associate professor of occupational medicine in the School of Public Health. In 1989 he was also appointed associate professor of internal medicine (later changed to emergency medicine) in the Medical School. He was promoted to professor of occupational medicine in 1996 and in 2003 he received an additional appointment as professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health.

Through his efforts in research, teaching, and clinical care, Dr. Garabrant contributed to major advances in the areas of occupational health and occupational and environmental cancer epidemiology. His seminal work in cancer epidemiology led to the recognition of exercise as a protective factor in the prevention of colon cancer, spurring broader efforts to understand the effects of physical activity on cancer risk. His landmark work on dioxins in the environment led to a better understanding of risks related to environmental contamination and exposure pathways by which human uptake of dioxins leads to accumulation in the body. Dr. Garabrant was the first director of the Center for Risk Science and Communication, which aimed to further the understanding of human health risks related to chemicals and to effectively communicate these risks to the public. He also held a number of other leadership positions in the School of Public Health. He was awarded the School's Excellence in Research Award in 2006.

The Regents salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **David Hay Garabrant professor emeritus of occupational medicine, professor emeritus of epidemiology, and associate professor emeritus of emergency medicine.**

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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