

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Steven C. Althoen, Ph.D., professor of mathematics education, School of Education and Human Services, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2010.

Professor Althoen received his B.A. degree from Kenyon College in 1969, and his Ph.D. degree from the City University of New York in 1973. From 1973-75, he was an assistant professor at Hofstra University. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1975, and was promoted to associate professor in 1980 and professor in 1985.

Professor Althoen was a dedicated faculty member who demanded exceptional performance from his students. His primary focus was on removing the barriers and misconceptions often held by students and teachers with respect to mathematics education, and he was the author of more than six textbooks, 25 refereed journal articles, and over 30 presentations. He served as chair of the mathematics department from 1985-89, was chair of the Committee on Assessment, Accreditation and Strategic Planning from 1999-2010, and served on numerous other school and college committees. In 2007 he transferred from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Education and Human Services to concentrate on preparation of teachers in the field of mathematics education. Professor Althoen was a reviewer and referee for several prestigious mathematics journals, and served as co-editor of the "Classroom Capsules Section" of the *College Mathematics Journal*. Among his honors are the University of Michigan-Flint Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarly or Creative Achievement (1990).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Steven C. Althoen professor emeritus of mathematics education**.

Requested by:



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