

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Raymond W. Ruddon, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., professor of pharmacology and senior associate dean for research and graduate studies, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 16, 2006.


Dr. Ruddon received his B.S. degree from the University of Detroit in 1958, and his Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1964 and 1967, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan as an instructor of pharmacology in 1964 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1967, associate professor in 1969, and professor 1974. He resigned in 1976 to join the National Cancer Institute, but returned in 1981 as professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology. From 1986-90, he was associate director for basic science research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and from 1988-90, he also held the title of Maurice H. Seevers Professor of Pharmacology. In 1990, Dr. Ruddon joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska, and in 1997 he became corporate director for science and technology at Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Ruddon returned to the University of Michigan in 2004 as professor of pharmacology and senior associate dean for research and graduate studies.

Dr. Ruddon's research focused on the biosynthesis, assembly, folding, and secretion of glycoprotein hormones. His laboratory was the first to demonstrate the folding pathway of a human protein inside an intact cell. He has authored more than 100 scientific papers and five books, including the widely used oncology text, *Cancer Biology*. He was editor of the chemotherapy chapters of the ninth edition of the pharmacology textbook, Goodman and Gilman's *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*.

Within the Medical School, Dr. Ruddon created a task force on the research enterprise, charged with developing a vision for research areas in which the University of Michigan would assume a leadership role. His recent leadership as senior associate dean has led to the establishment of two new centers, the Center for Computational Medicine and Biology, and the Michigan Metabolomics and Obesity Center, both of which already have a national presence.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator by naming **Raymond W. Ruddon, Jr., professor emeritus of pharmacology**.

Requested by:



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