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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Dorothy G. Davis, M.L.S., associate librarian at the University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2008.

Ms. Davis received her B.A. degree from Centenary College of Louisiana in 1964 and her M.L.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science in 1965. From 1965-77, she was an assistant reference librarian and then a documents librarian at the Charles Stewart Mott Library of Flint Junior College (later renamed Mott Community College). She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an associate librarian in 1977.

Ms. Davis was among the first librarians hired to organize the newly-independent library at the University of Michigan-Flint. The library had been designated as a federal depository, and Ms. Davis was responsible for administering its collection of U.S. government publications. Ms. Davis built the library's collection of federal publications to more than 100,000 documents and for many years she provided reference service and instruction in the legislative process and the use of federal publications not only to University of Michigan-Flint faculty and students, but to citizens throughout the congressional district. Later, always alert to technological innovation and the educational potential of digital access to federal documents, Ms. Davis had the foresight to propose that the library withdraw from the print-oriented federal depository program and redirect its resources to other direct-instruction library services to students. With the concurrence of the library director, she worked through the meticulous federal process for deaccessioning the library's collection of print materials, replacing it with a digital documents collection. Ms. Davis was also involved in reading programs for the blind, and was instrumental in securing for the library a Kurzweil reader for vision-impaired users. During her lengthy career as a professional librarian serving faculty, students, and citizens of the greater Flint region, Ms. Davis earned the respect, admiration, and affection of all with whom she worked.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Dorothy G. Davis associate librarian emerita.**

Requested by:



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