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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

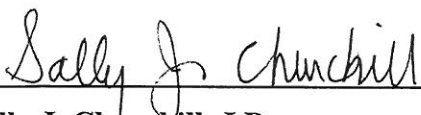
Susan L. Garetz, M.D., M.S., clinical professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and clinical professor of neurology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on November 30, 2016.

Dr. Garetz received her B.A. (1984) degree from the University of Minnesota, her M.D. (1989) degree from Yale University, and her M.S. (1992) degree from the University of Michigan. She completed a National Institutes of Health (NIH) fellowship for research training in the communication sciences (1990-91) and an otolaryngology residency (1990-95) at the University of Michigan. Dr. Garetz joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in 1996, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2008, and clinical professor in 2016. She held an additional appointment in the Department of Neurology since 2014.

Dr. Garetz is a leader in the field of sleep disorders with a special expertise in the surgical treatments for obstructive sleep apnea. She established unique multi-disciplinary clinics for adult and pediatric patients with obstructive sleep apnea who were refractory to standard medical therapy, wherein complex patients were evaluated by otolaryngologists, sleep neurologists, prosthodontists and oral maxillofacial surgeons to determine their optimal course of treatment. These clinics not only provided evidence based, state-of-the-art clinical care to an often medically complex patient population, but also functioned as an important learning opportunity for residents and fellows. Dr. Garetz's research has focused on the neurocognitive consequences of sleep disordered breathing in children and how to best identify children at higher risk for the development of morbidity. She was a co-investigator on several NIH studies evaluating ways to improve diagnostic accuracy and expand treatment options for pediatric obstructive sleep apnea. She also served as the surgical director for the Childhood Adenotonsillectomy (CHAT) Study, the first multi-center, randomized controlled study of adenotonsillectomy for children with obstructive sleep apnea. This study has been internationally recognized and cited with the primary results published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished physician for her dedicated service by naming **Susan L. Garetz, clinical professor emerita of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and clinical professor emerita of neurology**.

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