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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

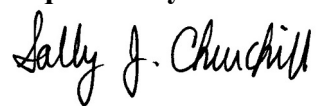
**Mary E. van der Velde, M.D.**, clinical professor of pediatrics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on November 8, 2023.

Dr. van der Velde received her M.D. degree from Yale University in 1982. Following residency training in pediatrics at Stanford University Lucille Packard Children's Hospital (1982-1985), she spent a year abroad working in an underserved area in West Africa. From July 1986 through June 1990, she was a fellow and chief fellow in pediatric cardiology at Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 1990, Dr. van der Velde was appointed as an instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital obtaining promotion to assistant professor in 1994. In November 2003, Dr. van der Velde was recruited to Michigan as a lecturer and then promoted to clinical associate professor in 2004. In 2016, Dr. van der Velde was promoted to clinical professor of pediatrics; the position from which she now retires.

Dr. van der Velde is a nationally recognized clinical scholar in pediatric echocardiography. She has collaborated with multiple centers to develop a large national database of normal echocardiographic measures for fetal and pediatric patients to enhance pediatric cardiologists' ability to identify normal variants and distinguish between normal and abnormal echocardiographic findings in the fetus and pediatric population. She has been extensively involved in teaching medical students, pediatric house officers, adult and pediatric cardiology trainees in non-invasive imaging. She has served on several national committees including as a member of the Fetal Task Force of the American Society of Echocardiography developing echocardiography guidelines and standards for performance of the fetal echocardiogram. She has held several important administrative roles including training director of the rotation in the Pediatric Echocardiography Lab for Pediatric Critical Care Fellows (2006-present) and as co-director of the Echocardiography Laboratory in the Congenital Heart Center (2003-2018). Dr. van der Velde has published over 45 peer-reviewed articles and has served as an *ad hoc* reviewer for many top-tier journals including the *International Journal of Cardiology*, *Pediatrics*, *Pediatric Cardiology*, and *Circulation*. Dr. van der Velde's contributions to the division, Department of Pediatrics, and Michigan Medicine are outstanding.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, leader, and teacher by naming **Mary E. van der Velde, clinical professor emerita of pediatrics**.

**Requested by:**



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