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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

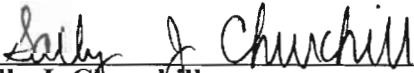
Bruce A. Friedman, M.D., professor of pathology, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2006.

Dr. Friedman received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1966. He completed an internship at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1967, received residency training in pathology at the University of Michigan from 1967-71, and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1971-73. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1973 as an assistant professor of pathology, and was promoted to associate professor in 1976 and professor in 1980. From 1979-82 he held a joint appointment as associate professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health. In addition to his professorial appointments, Dr. Friedman served in a number of administrative capacities, including assistant (1973-74) and then associate (1974-82) director of the Blood Bank, director of Phlebotomy and Central Distribution (1980-96), and director of Pathology Data Systems (since 1982). Within the Health System, he held positions as director of Ancillary Information (1996-2000) and director of Clinical Support Systems (2000-01).

Dr. Friedman is the author of more than 80 publications in the area of information technology and its strategic position in the medical electronic record and other areas of health care. He coined the term "pathology informatics" in the medical literature, which has become part of the lexicon. He has been an editorial consultant for a number of journals, and serves on the editorial board of *Clinical Laboratory Management Review*. He has served as a consultant on information technology and laboratory management and is the founding president of the Association for Pathology Informatics. From 1983-2003, Dr. Friedman directed an annual symposium held in Ann Arbor, "Automated Information Management in the Clinical Laboratory" (AIMCL). Since 2004, he has conducted the LabInfoTech Summit in Las Vegas (a continuation of the AIMCL), which is one of the two leading international conferences devoted to information technology in the clinical laboratory. He also created a business intelligence blog, "Lab Soft News," devoted to the clinical laboratory and pathology informatics, which is now achieving a global following.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Bruce A. Friedman professor emeritus of pathology**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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