

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 17, 2007

**Subject: Report of Faculty Death**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement**

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Julian T. Hoff, M.D.**, the Richard C. Schneider Professor of Neurosurgery and professor of neurosurgery, and former chair of the Department of Neurosurgery. Dr. Hoff died on April 16, 2007, at the age of 70, after a courageous battle with acute leukemia.

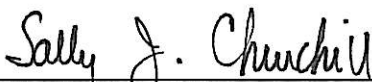
Dr. Hoff received his B.S. degree from Stanford University in 1958 and his M.D. degree from Cornell University in 1962. Following completion of a general surgery residency and two years of service with the U.S. Army in Japan, he trained at New York Hospital in neurosurgery, completing that program in 1970. His first academic position in neurosurgery was at the University of California-San Francisco, where he quickly rose to the rank of professor. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1981 as professor of neurosurgery and head of the Section of Neurosurgery.

Dr. Hoff's outstanding academic background included research fellowships at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California-San Francisco and at the Institute of Neurological Sciences at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He had a long interest in cerebral circulation and metabolism, focusing on intracerebral hemorrhage. Dr. Hoff received research funding from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) continuously since 1971, and was honored twice by NINDS with the Senator Jacob Javitz Award.

Under Dr. Hoff's leadership, the neurosurgery section evolved from a section in the Department of Surgery with 3 neurosurgeons, to an independent department in the Medical School with 14 full-time clinical faculty and five research faculty. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Hoff gained a reputation for providing the best patient care, assembling the finest faculty, and training the most talented neurosurgeons. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1999, was president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) (1993-94), and received the Cushing Medal from AANS in 2001. He was an Honored Guest of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and a recipient of the Grass Prize from the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife of 45 years, Diane; his three children, Paul (Donna) Hoff, Allison Hoff, and Julia (Michael) Haughey; and his five grandchildren, Lauren Hoff, Kiersten Hoff, Kathryn Haughey, Kelly Haughey, and Charles Haughey.

**Requested by:**



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2007