

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
June 21, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Judith E. Heady, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, UM-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2007.

Professor Heady earned her B.A. degree from Cornell College in 1963, her M.S. degree from the University of Iowa in 1963, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Colorado in 1970. She joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor of biology in 1974 and was promoted to associate professor in 1979.

Professor Heady's research involved the control of transfer-RNA methylation during life changes particularly in *Rana pipiens*, and she worked with students on a number of projects with *Rana pipiens*. By 1995 she had turned her focus to biology education. She taught embryology/developmental biology, organismal and environmental biology, and comparative anatomy of vertebrates, and introduced three new courses: general genetics, histology, and gender and science. She also taught specialized seminars on such topics as women's health, human reproduction, cancer, and nutrition.

Professor Heady's work on women and science, girls in science, women faculty, and classroom learning formed a nucleus of interests focused on the excitement of science. She served two terms on the board of the Society for College Science Teachers, was an editor for the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, and was active in the Society for Developmental Biology and the National Association of Biology Teachers. Within the University, she served on the President's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues, the Rackham Grants Committee for Life Sciences, the Academic Women's Caucus Steering Committee, and as member and president of the Women's Research Club.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Judith E. Heady associate professor emerita of biology**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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