

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

July 21, 2006

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Burton V. Barnes, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Stephen H. Spurr Professor of Forestry, and professor of forestry in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2006.

Professor Barnes received his B.S. degree in 1952, his M.A. degree in 1953, and his Ph.D. degree in 1959, all from the University of Michigan. From 1959-63 he was a research forester for the United States Forest Service in Idaho and in 1963-64, he was a NSF postdoctoral fellow in Stuttgart-Weilimdorf, Germany. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of forestry in 1964, and was promoted to associate professor in 1967 and professor in 1970. He also held an appointment as a forest botanist with the Matthaei Botanical Gardens from 1970-1996. Professor Barnes was named the Stephen H. Spurr Professor of Forest Ecology in 1987 and was honored with the Thurnau professorship in 1990.

Professor Barnes applied substance and discipline to research and teaching in forest ecology and related areas. His research focused on the theory and application of the landscape ecosystem approach, emphasizing spatial mapping of landscape ecosystems as the basis for conserving and managing ecosystems at multiple scales. He co-authored three editions of the textbook *Forest Ecology* and two editions of *Michigan Trees*. A sought-after teacher who received the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in University Teaching in 2001, he is renown for his course on woody plants, a popular and challenging class he taught for 41 years. Other honors include the Society of American Foresters' Barrington Moore National Research Award in 1990 and the Carl Alfred Schenck National Teaching Award in 2000. He received the Students for SNRE Outstanding Teaching Award three times: in 1995, 1997, and 2006.

The Regents salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Burton V. Barnes Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of forestry.**

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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