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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

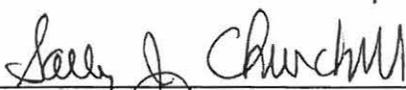
Laurel L. Northouse, Ph.D., Mary Lou Willard French Professor of Nursing and professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Northouse received her B.S.N. degree from the University of Michigan in 1970, her M.A. degree from Western Michigan University in 1978, her M.S.N. degree from Wayne State University in 1979, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. She served on the faculty of Nazareth College from 1974-82. She joined Wayne State University's faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted associate professor in 1991, and professor in 1999. Professor Northouse joined the University of Michigan faculty as the Mary Lou Willard French Professor of Nursing and professor of nursing in 1999.

A leading authority on cancer research, Professor Northouse studied the effects of cancer on patients and their family caregivers. She explored interventions to improve outcomes, evidence-based programs of care in oncology, longitudinal assessments of quality of life concerns, and predictors of emotional and physical well-being. Professor Northouse developed the innovative FOCUS program that provides patients and their family caregivers with information and support. She authored numerous publications in the top journals and had a notable record of successfully securing funding from the National Institute for Nursing Research, the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. A gifted instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Northouse taught courses on implementing evidence-based research findings in clinical practice settings and oversaw doctoral dissertations and masters research projects. Professor Northouse was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1993.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Laurel L. Northouse professor emerita of nursing**.

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