THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

George A. Fulton, Ph.D., research professor and director of the Center for Labor Market Research in the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy, and research scientist in and director of the Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics in the Department of Economics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 30, 2016.

Professor Fulton received his B.A. (1970) degree from the University of British Columbia and his M.A. (1972) and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant research scientist in 1978. He was promoted through the ranks to research scientist in the Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE) in 1996 and senior research scientist (now research professor) in the Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR) in 1997. In the ILIR, Professor Fulton was appointed director of Labor Market Research from 1993–2008, and then served as director of the Center for Labor Market Research in the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy since 2008, at which time he was also named director of RSQE.

Professor Fulton has forecast economic and fiscal activity at the national, state and local levels for over 40 years. He served as a principal advisor on the economy to the State of Michigan, providing testimonies on the economic and revenue outlooks at the Michigan Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference twice each year since 1992. He has given the keynote presentation at the Governor’s Economic Outlook Briefing since 1984, for which he received the Distinguished Speaker Award (2016). In 2015, he was appointed by the state treasurer as chair of three principals to the City of Detroit Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference. He received the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Economic and Demographic Analysis from the Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) (2015); a special tribute from Governor Rick Snyder; a special proclamation from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson; and a letter of commendation from President Mark S. Schlissel. These are but a few of the ways that Professor Fulton was recognized for his significant service to and impact on the University and the State of Michigan.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming George A. Fulton, research professor emeritus and research scientist emeritus.

Requested by:

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