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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

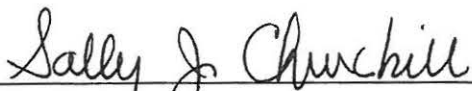
Thommey P. Thomas, Ph.D., associate research scientist, internal medicine and associate research scientist, Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 15, 2014.

Dr. Thomas received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Kerala in 1973 and 1975, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Cochin in 1982. He joined the University of Michigan as a research associate in the Department of Internal Medicine in 1987, and was appointed assistant research scientist in 1988, research assistant professor in 2004, and associate research scientist in 2011. In the Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences he was appointed research assistant professor (2008-11) and associate research scientist (2011-14).

Dr. Thomas' research focused on the biological studies on nanoparticle-based therapies for diseases such as cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. His work has resulted in 85 peer-reviewed journal articles, 12 book chapters, and five patents. Dr. Thomas presented over 70 abstracts at various national and international symposia and was an invited speaker at the 2011 International Dendrimer Symposium in Frederick, MD. He was actively involved in the mentorship of graduate and undergraduate students. Two of his Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program students received the best poster award for their work on nanomedicine. Dr. Thomas generously shared his time and expertise as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous publications including the *Journal of Bioanalysis & Biomedicine*, the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, and *Molecular Pharmaceutics*. He also served as associate director of the Clinical Implementation Core at the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center from 1997-99.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thommey P. Thomas associate research scientist emeritus, internal medicine and associate research scientist emeritus, Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences.**

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