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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: **Report of Faculty Retirement**

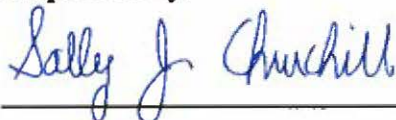**Action Requested:**   **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

Malayappan Shridhar, Ph.D., professor of electrical and computer engineering in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Shridhar received his B.Sc. (1959) degree from Bombay University, his D.M.I.T. (1962) degree from the Madras Institute of Technology, his M.S. (1967) degree from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and his Ph.D. (1969) degree from the University of Aston. After serving as a visiting and adjunct professor, he joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty permanently as a professor of electrical and computer engineering in 1985 and was appointed chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1986. He served as associate provost for academic affairs from 2007-13.

Professor Shridhar was a leader in the fields of electrical and computer engineering. His research interests included image processing, computer vision, pattern recognition, control systems, and intelligent systems. Professor Shridhar authored over 70 journal articles and book chapters and received ten patents. Notably, he studied the recognition of handwritten Farsi words. Professor Shridhar's work was recognized internationally and he was frequently invited to give seminars abroad. He regularly consulted for corporations such as General Motors and Ford Motor Company, helping to shape industry standards and practices. Professor Shridhar was also a lifelong member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He helped shape future engineers through his teaching and his mentorship of over 40 graduate students. Outside of the classroom, he supported student development as the faculty adviser for the Dearborn Campus Engineers (1992-98), the Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society (1992-2014), and the IEEE Student Branch (2003-14). Throughout his career, Professor Shridhar received many awards, including the MAGB Distinguished Faculty Award in 1988 and the Distinguished Faculty Research Award in 1993, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Malayappan Shridhar, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering.**

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