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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

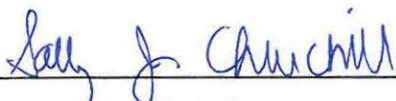
**Santhadevi Jeyabalan, Ph.D.**, Senior Lecturer and lecturer IV in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 30, 2014.

Dr. Jeyabalan received her M.Sc. (1966) degree from the University of Madras, her M.S. (1971) degree from Eastern Michigan University, and her M.S. and Ph.D. (1976) degrees from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1976, and was promoted through the ranks to lecturer IV in 2005. She was honored with the title of Senior Lecturer in 2003.

Dr. Jeyabalan taught the project-based, upper-level undergraduate courses Introductory Genetics Laboratory (MCDB 306) and Developmental Biology Laboratory (MCDB 308) during the fall and winter terms, and the Genetics lecture course (BIO 305) during the spring terms. Her passion for teaching was evident in her consistently high evaluations and her excellent rapport with her students, in whom she instilled critical thinking and analytical skills. Dr. Jeyabalan often updated her courses to incorporate new experiments to keep the students engaged and current. She created a "Virtual Fly" research project in MCDB 306 for which she received a Computer World Smithsonian Award in 1999. Dr. Jeyabalan received four LSA Excellence in Education Awards and the 1997 Ruth M. Sinclair Memorial Award for serving as an advisor in the LSA Honors Program. Since 2000, Dr. Jeyabalan has coordinated a popular short summer course, Genes to Genomics, for the Michigan Math and Science Scholars program which is attended by academically gifted high school students from around the world. During her summer visits to India, she conducted seminars on the current trends in genetics research at Coimbatore Medical College. As a board member for the Friends of Aravind Hospital in Madurai, India she has been actively involved in their mission to prevent blindness in underdeveloped countries.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Santhadevi Jeyabalan, lecturer IV emerita in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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