Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Rolf A. Deininger, Ph.D., professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2006.

Professor Deininger earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the University of Stuttgart in 1958, his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in environmental engineering from Northwestern University in 1962 and 1964, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1964 and was promoted to associate professor in 1968 and professor in 1973. From 1974-99 he was also a research scientist in the Institute of Environmental and Industrial Health.

Professor Deininger’s research interests have been in the field of water quality. He was conducting studies on the security and safety of public water supplies two decades before it became a homeland security issue. Due to his skill in these areas, he has been selected to participate on national and international expert panels examining water quality issues for municipal water systems. Professor Deininger has been a member of numerous professional societies and organizations including the National Academy of Science and Engineering, American Water Works Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, the German Water Pollution Control Federation, the German Society of Engineers, and the International Association of Water Quality. His contributions in helping to assure the highest water quality in the United States, the European Union and in the Middle East have been extraordinary. Professor Deininger is also known for his commitment to academic scholarship, and he has trained dozens of master’s level students and doctoral students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Rolf A. Deininger professor emeritus of environmental health sciences.

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