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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Gregory B. Markus, Ph.D.**, professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Markus received his B.A. degree from San Diego State University in 1970, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1971 and 1975, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1975, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981, and professor in 1987. He was also appointed assistant research scientist in the Center for Political Studies in 1975, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1981, research scientist in 1987, and senior research scientist (now research professor) in 1997.

Professor Markus' research, teaching, and public work focused on civic engagement, leadership development, community empowerment, and community organizing to build democratic capacity. He studied a broad range of issues including the dynamics of political attitudes, political partisanship, the effects of military service on political attitudes, the effect of personal and national economic conditions on voting decisions, and intellect and birth order. Professor Markus authored a number of books, book chapters, and papers in the leading scholarly publications. He taught undergraduate and graduate courses on Contemporary Issues in American Politics, Participation and Electoral Behavior, Statistical Methods in Political Research, Theory and Practice of Community Organizing, and Urban Politics. Professor Markus served as a founding organizer of the Detroit Action Commonwealth, a membership organization that develops individual and collective capacity to challenge and change root causes of poverty, homelessness, and injustice. His dedication as a teacher earned him the Amoco Foundation's Good Teaching Award (1988), the Department of Political Science's Tronstein Award (2003), and LSA's Excellence in Education Award (2005).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Gregory B. Markus professor emeritus of political science and research professor emeritus**.

**Requested by:**

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

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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