Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Bartley R. Frueh, M.D., professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2008.

Dr. Frueh received his B.Chem.Eng. degree from Cornell University in 1960, and his M.D. degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1964. He completed an internship at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill from 1964-65 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-67. He pursued his residency training at the University of Michigan from 1967-70 and received an M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1970. From 1971-79, he was director of ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Missouri Medical Center. Dr. Frueh joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1979 and was promoted to professor in 1986. He has been director of the Eye Plastic and Orbital Surgery Service at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center since 1979.

Dr. Frueh is an acknowledged world expert on thyroid-associated eye disease, including Graves eye disease, blepharospasm, and other eye muscle abnormalities, and he has been actively engaged as a teacher, clinician, and researcher. He recently directed a phase II randomized clinical trial of a treatment for benign essential blepharospasm, and his publication history, which began in 1964, continues unabated. Throughout his career, he has consistently displayed fine clinical judgment, an interest in high quality research, and a commitment to educating his trainees and peers. He has been an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology for two decades, has taught courses at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting for 37 years, and has given lectures all over the world. He was president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in 1976, and was honored with its prestigious Wendell L. Hughes Lecturer Award in 1993. In 2003, he presented the Kellogg Eye Center’s F. Bruce Fralick Lecture.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Bartley R. Frueh professor emeritus of ophthalmology and visual sciences.

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