THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

A. Galip Ulsoy, Ph.D., C.D. Mote Jr. Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering, William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing, and professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Ulsoy received his B.S. (1973) degree from Swarthmore College, his M.S. (1975) degree from Cornell University, and his Ph.D. (1979) degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1986, and professor in 1992. He was named the William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing in 1996 and the C.D. Mote, Jr. Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering in 2009.

Professor Ulsoy is a world-renowned researcher in the field of dynamic systems and controls. He has a truly exceptional record of over 350 high impact articles in the leading scholarly publications. Professor Ulsoy made extraordinary contributions to education as a passionate and effective classroom teacher and as an excellent mentor to students in engineering. He advised or co-advised over 40 doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and industry. Professor Ulsoy established the new Master of Engineering and Doctor of Engineering in manufacturing degree programs. He has been a strong leader in the engineering community, having served as the founding deputy director of the NSF Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Machining Systems (1996-2002), chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (1998-2001), and founding director of the Ground Robotics Reliability Center (2007-09). Professor Ulsoy received numerous prestigious awards, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers’ Rufus T. Oldenburger Medal (2008), the Society of Manufacturing Engineers’ Albert M. Sargent Progress Award (2008), and the College of Engineering’s Stephen S. Attwood Award (2012).

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher and educator for his dedicated service by naming A. Galip Ulsoy, C.D. Mote Jr. Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, William Clay Ford Professor Emeritus of Manufacturing, and professor emeritus of mechanical engineering.

Requested by:

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