

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

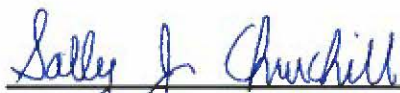
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Robert Little, Ph.D.**, professor of mechanical engineering in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science. Professor Little died on May 25, 2019.

Professor Little received two B.S.E. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1959, his M.S.E. degree from The Ohio State University in 1960, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1963. He served as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Oklahoma State University from 1963-65. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor in 1965, and was promoted to professor in 1969. He served as acting department chair in 1981.

Professor Little was a respected educator and scholar as well as an incredible friend and colleague. He published numerous textbooks covering probability and statistics, statistical design, mechanical reliability, and fatigue testing. Over the course of his long career, he participated in many prestigious engineering professional societies, including the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Sigma Xi. Through his work, Professor Little had a profound impact on many generations of students and colleagues and for that he will be deeply missed.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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