THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

September 20, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John E. McGillicuddy, M.D., professor of neurosurgery and professor of orthopaedic surgery, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2007.

Dr. McGillicuddy received his B.S. degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1962 and his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1966, and completed a two-year internship and residency at the Medical College of Virginia in 1968. From 1968-70, he served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve, emerging as a highly decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War. Following his discharge, he undertook his neurosurgery residency training at the University of Michigan from 1970-75. Dr. McGillicuddy joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in neurosurgery in 1974, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1976, associate professor in 1980, and professor in 1990. He received an additional appointment as professor of orthopaedic surgery in 2003.

Dr. McGillicuddy has a world-renowned reputation in brachial plexus and peripheral nerve surgery, and he has also been a leading researcher and clinician in cerebrovascular neurosurgery. He is a sought-after lecturer in international academic neurosurgical circles and has served in leadership capacities in major neurosurgical organizations. A strong member of the UMHS community, he has served on numerous Medical School and hospital committees. In 2005, he received the Medical School’s Outstanding Clinician Award.

Under Dr. McGillicuddy’s leadership, the Department of Neurosurgery has been recognized as a leading center for the treatment of peripheral nerve and brachial plexus injury. His expertise in this area has led to the development of a pediatric brachial plexus palsy clinic which is recognized regionally and nationally for its multidisciplinary care of children with brachial plexus birth injuries. Within the Medical School, he is a strong resident advocate and physician leader with a reputation for outstanding patient care, diagnostic acumen, fearsome surgical skills, and having educated generations of talented neurosurgeons.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming John E. McGillicuddy professor emeritus of neurosurgery and professor emeritus of orthopaedic surgery.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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