

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 **Daniel H. Hill, Ph.D.**, research associate professor at the Institute for Social Research. Professor Hill died on July 10, 2011 at the age of 63.

Following his service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Professor Hill received his B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1971, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1975 and 1977, respectively. Professor Hill joined the faculty of the Institute for Social Research (ISR) in 1977 as an assistant research scientist in the Survey Research Center (SRC), and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1988. In 1989 he took a leave to serve as director of the Survey Research Institute at the University of Toledo. He returned to ISR in 1994 as a program manager on the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and associate research professor in the SRC.

Professor Hill possessed a great and deep appreciation for economics and sampling; he strove to model the world as it was, not conforming to a rational model. His research activities revolved around data quality analysis and the analysis of panel attrition problems. He collaborated on research involving modeling subjective probabilities, uncertainty and cognition, and was involved with programming and evaluating the econometric models. He also served as a faculty member of the annual Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques. Later in his career, he focused on overseeing the processing and dissemination of the HRS core and supplemental data. Professor Hill was awarded an American Statistical Association/NSF Census Fellowship and was a member Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Omicron Epsilon. He served as chair of the Survey Methods Division Committee on the Survey of Income and Program Participation of the American Statistical Association in 1996.

Professor Hill will be remembered for his hearty chuckle, his kindness and curiosity, and his courage in the face of his disease. As we mourn his loss, our condolences go to his wife, Professor Paula Malone, his stepchildren, Matthew Bracy and Meagan Hansen, and his grandson, William.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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