

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

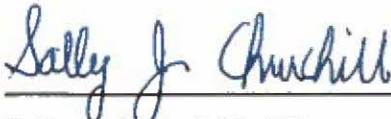
Juanita L. Merchant, M.D., Ph.D., H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences, professor of internal medicine, and professor of molecular and integrative physiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2018.

Dr. Merchant received her B.S. degree from Stanford University in 1977 and both her M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University in 1984. She completed her internship (1984-85), residency (1985-87), and fellowship (1987-90) at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Merchant also completed a clinical fellowship in gastroenterology (1990-91) at the University of California, Los Angeles. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2003. She was named the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences in 2008.

Dr. Merchant's clinical and research interests focused on the areas of the molecular basis of the regulation of cell growth and the development of gastric cancer. She authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, had an excellent record of securing extramural funding throughout her career, and was a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. Dr. Merchant provided significant peer-review service for numerous study sections and advisory boards, in addition to serving as a reviewer and on the editorial board of several leading journals. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2008 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2017. A committed educator, Dr. Merchant played an instrumental role in the training and development of medical students, residents, and fellows. Additionally, she served as a mentor to numerous students, fellows, and junior faculty on their research projects. Institutionally, Dr. Merchant served on a number of committees, including the Medical School Admissions Committee, and nationally, was very active in the American Gastroenterological Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Juanita L. Merchant, professor emerita of internal medicine and professor emerita of molecular and integrative physiology.**

Requested by:



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