

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Margaret I. Lomax, Ph.D., research professor, Kresge Hearing Research Institute, and research professor, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2008.

Professor Lomax received her B.A. degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1960 and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1964. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research associate in 1964 and was an instructor from 1967-68. She was appointed assistant research scientist in 1974, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1991, senior associate research scientist in 1997, senior research scientist in 1998, and research professor in 2004.

From 1988-93, Professor Lomax was co-director of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center, Molecular Biology Core Facility, then director of the DNA Sequencing Core. Within the Medical School, she held positions in microbiology and immunology, cell and developmental biology, and the Kresge Hearing Research Institute. Early in her career, Professor Lomax was one of the first molecular biologists to use recombinant DNA techniques. She has published in the areas of enzymology of thymidylate synthetase, microbial genetics, the molecular genetics of mammalian cytochrome c oxidase, and the molecular genetics of noise-induced and age-related hearing loss. She has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on 30 grants, published 77 articles, and served on numerous grant review boards. She has served on many scientific review committees, including the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (NIDCD). Within the Medical School, she has served on numerous committees, including the Medical School Executive Committee (2002-05). She also served on the Senate Assembly and was active in the Academic Women's Caucus. She has mentored and been a role model to many undergraduate, graduate, and medical students, and to postdoctoral scholars, and served on numerous dissertation committees. In 2002 Professor Lomax was honored with the University of Michigan Research Scientist Achievement Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Margaret I. Lomax research professor emerita**.

Requested by:



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