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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

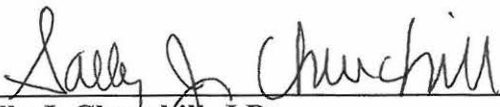
Rudolf Mrázek, Ph.D., professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Mrázek received his Prom.hist., Prom.fil., and Ph.D. degrees from Charles University in Prague in 1964, 1969, and 1980, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 1999.

Professor Mrázek's scholarly work focused on the history of modern Southeast Asia with special expertise in Indonesia history. His research critically examined and explored Indonesian-United States relations, biographical portraits of major Indonesian nationalist leaders, Dutch colonialism through the prism of colonial technology, and colonial Jakarta. Professor Mrázek authored twelve ground-breaking monographs including *United States and the Indonesian Military, 1945-65: A Study of an Intervention* (1978), *Semesta Tan Malaka* (1994), *Sjahrir: Politics and Exile in Indonesia, 1906-1966* (1994), *Engineers of Happy Land: Technology and Nationalism in a Colony* (2003), and *A Certain Age: Colonial Jakarta Through the Memories of its Intellectuals* (2010). Professor Mrázek taught courses on modern Southeast Asian history, comparative history, history of colonial expansion, technology and nationalism, and oral history. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he taught countless undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom have gone on to successful academic careers. His work has been rewarded with numerous fellowships including a Ford Foundation Fellowship (1969-70), a Rockefeller Residency Fellowship in Social Sciences and Humanities (1988-89), and a Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship (1991-2000). Professor Mrázek received the Excellence in Research and Teaching Award from the College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts in 1998.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Rudolf Mrázek professor emeritus of history**.

Requested by:



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