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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

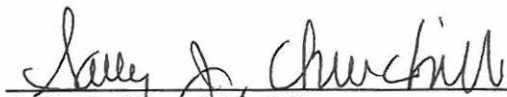
Philip Myers, Ph.D., professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and curator, Museum of Zoology, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Myers received his B.A. degree from Swarthmore College in 1969 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting assistant professor and visiting assistant curator in 1975, and was promoted to assistant professor and assistant curator in 1976, associate professor and associate curator in 1982, and professor and curator in 2008.

Professor Myers is a leading scholar in mammalian systematics and biodiversity, with special expertise in South American mammals. More recently, his research explored the impact of climate change on the biogeography of northern hemisphere mammals. He has a notable history of successfully securing research grants and has published numerous articles in the leading, peer-reviewed journals. An innovative instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Myers taught a wide range of courses including Biology of Mammals, Field Mammalogy, and Introduction to Animal Diversity. In 1995 he launched the *Animal Diversity Web*, which has become a world-class educational resource for students from kindergarten to college. This novel educational tool fosters inquiry-based learning by utilizing content collaboratively developed by students, faculty, and staff. Professor Myers has received numerous honors in recognition of his many achievements including the American Society of Mammalogists's Joseph Grinnell Award for Excellence in Teaching (1999), LSA's Excellence in Education Award (2004), and the Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize (2009).

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher, scholar and educator by naming **Philip Myers professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology and curator emeritus.**

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