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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

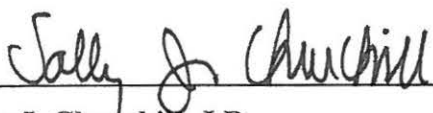
**Martha Mitchell Funnell, M.S.**, research scientist, learning health sciences in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on January 3, 2018.

Ms. Funnell received her B.S. degree from Lenoir Rhyne University in 1971 and her M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1975. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in the School of Nursing in 1982. In 1983, she accepted a position in the University of Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center where she held a variety of positions, including clinical nurse specialist, allied health unit manager, and allied health senior supervisor. She joined the Medical School's Department of Learning Health Sciences (formerly Medical Education) in 2006, and held a number of appointments, including research investigator, associate research scientist, and research scientist. She also served as an adjunct associate research scientist in the School of Nursing.

Ms. Funnell is an internationally renowned nurse, educator, and researcher in the field of diabetes. She is best known for her research in patient empowerment, which included training health professionals and others to implement this model. She has also been a leader in developing and implementing evidence-based standards for diabetes patient education in several national and international organizations. Since 1991, she has served as co- or principal investigator for 12 funded educational and behavioral research projects, primarily in African American and other underserved communities. She has given over 220 invited presentations in the U.S. and 33 other countries, and authored 150 peer-reviewed publications, 35 book chapters, and seven books. Ms. Funnell served as a leader in a number of national and international diabetes organizations, including as the president of the American Diabetes Association, Health Care & Education. From 2009-11, she served as the first nurse (and non-physician) to chair the National Diabetes Education Program, jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Chronic Care and Prevention. Ms. Funnell has been recognized for her work through the Distinguished Service Award (1998) and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2016) from the American Association of Diabetes Educators. She was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2016.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Martha Mitchell Funnell, research scientist emerita, learning health sciences.**

**Requested by:**



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