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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

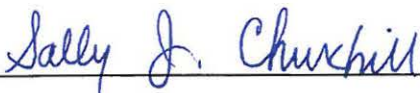
**Lidia P. Kostyniuk, Ph.D.**, research scientist in the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2016.

Dr. Kostyniuk received her B.S. (1966), M.S. (1969), and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She joined the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute as an adjunct associate research scientist in 1994, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1998, and research scientist in 2003. She also held appointments in the A. Alfred College of Architecture and Urban Planning and the College of Engineering.

Dr. Kostyniuk's research addressed a wide variety of topics, including crash trend analysis, commercial vehicle safety, older drivers, child safety seat use, alcohol-impaired driving, and the evaluation of transportation safety policies and programs. Her work critically examined the intersection of transportation, social, and behavioral issues within the larger context of reducing traffic injuries and fatalities. Dr. Kostyniuk led a series of studies that identified key factors contributing to commercial vehicle crashes and helped developed safety improvement recommendations for the state of Michigan. Her research also explored the impact aging populations have on travel patterns and the demand for transportation facilities and services. Dr. Kostyniuk evaluated the effectiveness of a national program to increase child booster seat use and was a key member of the University's research team that conducted the first statewide survey of child safety seat use and misuse. These efforts drew nationwide attention to the high misuse rates and led to the more convenient Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) restraint system for installing child safety seats. She was actively involved in the evaluation of the effectiveness of several Michigan transportation safety laws, including the primary enforcement of safety belt use and sanctions for recidivism of alcohol-impaired driving.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lidia P. Kostyniuk, research scientist emerita**.

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