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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Death  
**Action Requested:** Adoption of Memorial Statement

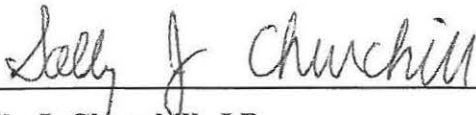
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Richard Adler, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biology and microbiology in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Professor Adler died on February 11, 2017.

Professor Adler received his B.S. (1969), M.S. (1971), and Ph.D. (1973) degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982.

A remarkable researcher, educator, and mentor, Professor Adler devoted his career to the study of the biochemical virology of animal viruses, the immunology of viral infections, persistent coronavirus infections, and the history of science. He published over 200 papers, reports, and reviews in a number of leading journals, including *Cell*, the *Journal of General Virology*, the *Journal of Immunological Methods*, the *Journal of Virology*, and *Virology*. Professor Adler authored or co-authored six important books, including *Cholera in Detroit, A History* (2013), *Victor Vaughan: The Biography of the Pioneering Bacteriologist* (2014), and *Typhoid Fever, A History* (2016). His book on the five major 19<sup>th</sup> century cholera epidemics in Detroit, Michigan earned a 2014 State History Award for outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of state and local history from the Historical Society of Michigan. A superb instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Adler taught courses on general virology, immunology, molecular biology, medical virology, general virology, and pathogenic microbiology that inspired a generation of students.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Sally, his children Rebekah, Steven, Ruth, and Rose, and his many loving relatives and friends.

**Requested by:**



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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