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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**  
**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

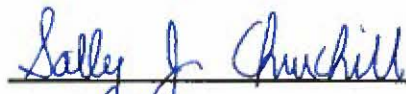
**John P. Boyd, Ph.D.**, professor of climate and space sciences and engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2019.

Professor Boyd received his A.B. (1973), S.M. (1975), and Ph.D. (1976) degrees from Harvard University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982, and professor in 1988. Professor Boyd was the associate director of the Laboratory for Scientific Computation from 1986-2000. He also held an additional appointment as a professor of civil and environmental engineering from 2002-10.

Professor Boyd's research at the University of Michigan focused on atmospheric and oceanic dynamics, nonlinear waves, and computational algorithms. He taught courses on atmospheric dynamics, physical oceanography, and numerical methods. Professor Boyd was a co-advisor for 20 Ph.D. students. He supervised 38 undergraduates in research activities. He published five books, with a sixth in progress, and roughly 260 journal publications. Professor Boyd received the College of Engineering's Research Excellence Award in 2001. He was the plenary speaker for the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics' national meeting in 2008. In 2012, he was named a Distinguished Visiting International Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He was the keynote speaker at the Chebyshev workshop at Oxford University in 2015. He was a member of the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **John P. Boyd, professor emeritus of climate and space sciences and engineering.**

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