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Regents  
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**ACTION REQUEST**

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

**Lucinda A. Pfalzer, Ph.D.**, professor of physical therapy in the School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Pfalzer received her B.S. degree from Ithaca College in 1979 and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University in 1984 and 1989, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1986, and was promoted to associate professor in 1992, and professor in 1998. She completed an oncology clinical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in 2001.

Professor Pfalzer is a distinguished scholar in the field of physical therapy with special expertise in the areas of breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, oncology, and upper quadrant overuse injuries. She has a notable history of successfully securing research grants and published numerous articles in the leading peer-reviewed journals. From 2001-13, she served as the associate investigator on a prospective study to identify factors affecting morbidity following the diagnosis and treatment of patients with breast cancer. Professor Pfalzer's recent research endeavors have provided clinically based guidance to healthcare reforms in oncology rehabilitation. She held several key administrative leadership positions including associate director for research and post professional education (1994-2012), director of the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (2009-13), and interim director of the Department of Physical Therapy (2012-13). Professor Pfalzer was a gifted teacher and played an instrumental role in the introduction of the first doctoral program in physical therapy on the Flint campus in 2013. She was a fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), helped establish the APTA Oncology Section, and served as the section president.

The Regents now salute this distinguished physical therapy educator for her dedicated service by naming **Lucinda A. Pfalzer professor emerita of physical therapy**.

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

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