

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Marilyn J. Svejda, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

Professor Svejda received her B.S.N. (1961) and M.S.N. (1962) degrees from Indiana University. She was trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner at the University of Rochester during 1968-69, and received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, in 1979 and 1981, respectively, from the University of Denver. She joined the University of Michigan School of Nursing faculty as an assistant professor in 1981 and was promoted to associate professor in 1985. From 1985-87 she was also an assistant research scientist in the Center for Human Growth and Development.

As coordinator of the Infant, Child, and Adolescent Health Track in the School of Nursing for the last 22 years, Professor Svejda has developed and taught various courses on infant, child, and adolescent health at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She was a master teacher who prepared students to think and reason critically, defend positions taken, and attain high levels of learning and clinical skills. Professor Svejda has also supervised a sizeable number of master's student research papers and doctoral dissertations, conducted research projects, and provided school, university, and national leadership through participation on committees and other professional activities. Most recently, Professor Svejda served as the project director for the Initiative for Excellence in Clinical Education, Practice, and Scholarship. In this role, she was responsible for leading, developing, and implementing a model for undergraduate clinical education in a partnership between the School of Nursing and the University of Michigan Health System that establishes a culture of collaboration and enhances the provision of excellent undergraduate clinical nursing education.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Marilyn J. Svejda associate professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



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