

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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May 20, 2010

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Frank P. Casa, Ph.D., professor of Spanish in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2010.

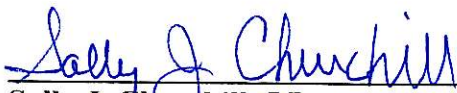
Professor Casa received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1955 and 1956, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1963. From 1963-69, he served on the faculty of Harvard University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1969, and was promoted to professor in 1976.

Professor Casa taught undergraduate courses and graduate seminars on early modern Spanish literature and culture and on 17th century Spanish literature, with a special emphasis on Cervantes and theater. He is the author of several books on *comedia* studies, including *The Dramatic Craftsmanship of Moreto* (1966) and an edition of Moreto's *El valiente justiciero* (1971). He is the co-editor of Moreto's *El lindo Don Diego* (1977) and Lope de Vega's *El mejor alcalde, el Rey* (1993), as well as of the two volumes of *Editing the Comedia*. A *Festschrift* in his honor, *Hispanic Essays in Honor of Frank P. Casa*, was published in 1997.

Professor Casa served as chair of the Romance Languages Department (1973-83) and was a member of the Michigan Council for the Humanities (1977-81). From 1987-98 he was director of the Spanish School at the Middlebury College Summer Immersion Program. In 2009 he was awarded the *Encomienda de Número de la Orden de Isabel la Católica* by the Spanish Consul in Chicago, Ambassador D. Javier Rupérez.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Frank P. Casa professor emeritus of Spanish**.

Requested by:



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