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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John E. Jackson, Ph.D., M. Kent Jennings Collegiate Professor of Political Science and professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and faculty associate in the Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Jackson received his B.S. (1965) and M.S. (1965) degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and his M.P.A. (1966) and Ph.D. (1969) degrees from Harvard University. He served on the faculty of Harvard University from 1970-77 and the University of Pennsylvania from 1977-1980. Professor Jackson joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor of political science in 1980. He held additional appointments in the Institute for Social Research and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. Professor Jackson was named the James Orin Murfin Professor of Political Science in 1999 and the M. Kent Jennings Collegiate Professor of Political Science in 2004.

An internationally recognized political scientist, Professor Jackson explored the political economy of democratic and market transitions, electoral politics, political party systems, the United States Congress, and Eastern European patterns of democratic institutionalization. He conducted influential research on a series of statistical methods including simultaneous equation models, compositional models of aggregate vote patterns, and variable coefficient models. Professor Jackson has authored or co-authored a number of scholarly publications and books including *Constituencies and Leaders in Congress: Their Effects on Senate Voting Behavior* (1974), *Statistical Methods for Social Scientists* (1977), and *The Political Economy of Poland's Transition: New Firms and Reform Governments* (2005). He served as director of the Taubman Program in American Institutions from 1981-87 and chair of the Department of Political Science from 1994-99. Professor Jackson received numerous honors including a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (1979-80), a Fulbright Research Fellowship (1993-94), the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award (2009), and the Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award (2014).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **John E. Jackson professor emeritus of political science**.

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