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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

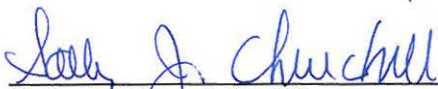
**Yoram Koren, D.Sc.**, James J. Duderstadt Distinguished University Professor of Manufacturing, Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering, and professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Koren received his B.Sc., M.Sc., and D.Sc. degrees from Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in 1965, 1968, and 1971, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1986. He was named the Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering in 1993 and the James J. Duderstadt Distinguished University Professor of Manufacturing in 2010.

A world-renowned researcher and pioneer in manufacturing, Professor Koren is regarded as the originator of the reconfigurable manufacturing systems (RMS). He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding and has published over 270 articles in the leading scholarly journals, four popular textbooks, and 14 U.S. patents. Professor Koren has provided visionary leadership as the founding director of the Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he has played an instrumental role in developing a world-class manufacturing curriculum and furthering the University's reputation as a leader in advanced manufacturing research. Professor Koren has advised over 30 doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and industry. He has been the recipient of numerous honors including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' William T. Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award (1999), the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Gold Medal (2007), the College of Engineering's Stephen Attwood Award (2008), and election to the USA National Academy of Engineering (2004).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Yoram Koren James J. Duderstadt Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Manufacturing, Paul G. Goebel Professor Emeritus of Engineering, and professor emeritus of mechanical engineering.**

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