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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

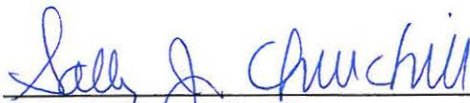
Raji M. Rammuny, Ph.D., professor of Arabic in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Rammuny received his B.A. degree from the University of Baghdad in 1959, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1963 and 1966, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1966, and was promoted to visiting assistant professor in 1967, assistant professor in 1968, associate professor in 1971, and professor in 1977.

Professor Rammuny's research focused on the methodology and practice of teaching Arabic at the university level. He published numerous scholarly articles and books that explored classical and modern Arabic grammar, second-language acquisition, and applied linguistics. He co-authored the widely recognized series *Elementary Modern Standard Arabic* (1968) and *Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate Level* (1974) that have set the standard for Arabic language instruction in the United States. Professor Rammuny's major instructional works also include *Advanced Arabic Composition Based on Literary Texts and Audio-visual Materials* (1980), *Arabic Sounds and Letters: A Beginning Programmed Course* (1998), and *Business Arabic: Language, Culture and Communication* (2000). A gifted instructor, Professor Rammuny taught a wide range of courses including Introduction to Arab Culture and Language, Arabic for Communication, Advanced Arabic Readings in Special Subjects, Advanced Business Arabic, and Contrastive Analysis and the Teaching of Arabic. He was the recipient of many honors including the AMOCO Good Teaching Award (1984), two LSA Excellence in Education Awards (1991 and 1993), the University of Kuwait's Faculty of Arts Award (1999), and the Wayne State University and American Association of Teachers of Arabic Award (1999).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Raji M. Rammuny professor emeritus of Arabic**.

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