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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

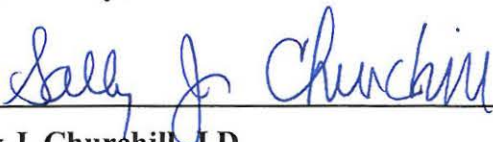
Letha Ann Chadiha, Ph.D., Rose C. Gibson Collegiate Professor of Social Work and professor of social work in the School of Social Work, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Chadiha received her B.S. (1965) degree from Tuskegee University, her M.A. (1970) degree from Washington State University, and her M.S.W. (1985) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees from the University of Michigan. She served on the faculty of Washington University in St. Louis from 1990-2002. Professor Chadiha joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2002, and was promoted to professor in 2012. She was named the Rose C. Gibson Collegiate Professor of Social Work in 2015.

Professor Chadiha is a renowned gerontologist who specializes in family caregiving by African American women to older African American urban and rural residents, as well as in the recruitment and retention of ethnically diverse elders in research. Her work is significant for closing a gap in the knowledge about the experiences of caregivers of older African Americans, particularly those in rural areas who are rarely studied. Professor Chadiha has provided extensive mentorship to faculty, post-doctoral trainees, and graduate students. Professor Chadiha is the author of over 50 scientific publications. An accomplished and well-funded researcher, she was the principal investigator on research grants funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Science Foundation, and the John A. Hartford Foundation. Her accomplishments in research, scholarship and service have earned her such recognitions as being elected fellow to the Social Research, Policy and Practice Section of the Gerontological Society of America in 2007, elected chair of this section in 2009, and elected fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 2012. She has received numerous awards in recognition of her many achievements, including the Outstanding Mentorship Award from the Gerontological Society of America's Task Force on Minority Issues in 2008, the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award from the University of Michigan in 2013, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the School of Social Work in 2014.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Letha Ann Chadiha, Rose C. Gibson Collegiate Professor Emerita of Social Work and professor emerita of social work**.

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