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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

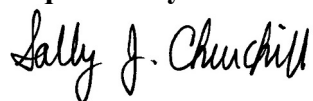
Richard K.J. Brown, M.D., clinical professor of radiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Dr. Brown received his B.S. (1976) and M.D. (1980) degrees from the University of Michigan and completed his diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine training at the University of California, Los Angeles. Following a successful career in private practice from 1986-2004, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical associate professor in 2004 and was promoted to clinical professor in 2010. He served as the director of clinical nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in the Division of Nuclear Medicine from 2004-20.

Dr. Brown has made significant contributions to the field of radiology and to Michigan Medicine. He was nationally recognized for his work in both imaging and quality initiatives and served as the co-chair of the American College of Radiology's Committee on Practice Parameters & Standards-Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging. This committee developed documents that set the standards of practice used by practitioners around the country both in academics and private practice. He authored 80 peer-reviewed publications. He served as the editor of the Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging section of *RadioGraphics* and most recently served on the editorial board as an advisor to the editor. He served on the Medical Advisory Board of Covera Health and contributed to their national quality improvement initiatives. Possessing excellent communication skills, he revitalized the teaching in a division traditionally focused on research. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Brown served on multiple important committees, including the Advisory Committee on Clinical Track Appointments, the Radioactive Drug Research Committee, and the Subcommittee on the Human Use of Radioisotopes. He was an innovator in education and the founding chair of the Radiology Innovations Collaborative Committee. In collaboration with the team at the Duderstadt Emerging Technology Group, he co-developed a virtual reality tool to identify MRI patients at risk of claustrophobia. In addition, he played an instrumental role in the development of a quality improvement curriculum for trainees in radiology. He received numerous honors, including three Department of Radiology's Excellence in Teaching Awards (2012, 2013, and 2015) and the University of Michigan Health System's Outstanding Clinician Award (2014).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Richard K.J. Brown, clinical professor emeritus of radiology**.

Requested by:



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