

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

June 21, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Walter N. Piper, Ph.D., professor of toxicology in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Piper received his B.S. degree from Kent State University in 1962, his M.S. degree from The Ohio State University in 1964, and his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University in 1969. He was employed in the drug metabolism toxicology/pharmacology division of the Dow Chemical Company from 1969-72, and completed a post-doctoral training program at the University of Iowa from 1972-74. From 1974-86 he held academic appointments at the University of Oklahoma, the University of California-San Francisco, and the University of Nebraska. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1987 as professor of toxicology in the School of Public Health.

Professor Piper is recognized for his work in the area of mechanisms of toxicity related to 2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin) and mechanisms of toxicant-induced alterations of heme metabolism. Within the School of Public Health, he was director of the toxicology program from 1987-94 and served on a wide variety of departmental, school and university committees. He mentored eight doctoral students to completion of their dissertations, and taught courses to generations of students on the principles of environmental health, toxicology, biochemical and molecular toxicology, naturally-occurring biological toxins, and carcinogenesis. Professor Piper has authored or co-authored 55 articles in peer-reviewed journals and six book chapters.

The Regents salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Walter N. Piper professor emeritus of toxicology**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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