THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Anthony W. England, Ph.D., professor of electrical and computer engineering in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science and professor of electrical engineering and computer science in the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Professor England received his B.S. (1965), M.S. (1965), and Ph.D. (1970) degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor faculty as a professor in 1988. He held a number of key leadership positions, including associate chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2003-04), associate dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies (1995-98), and interim dean (2012-14) and dean (2014-20) of the UM-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science. From 1994-2012, Professor England was a professor of atmospheric, oceanic, and space sciences.

Professor England’s research included scattering theory applied to the microwave brightness of the earth and other planets, and the development and use of ice-sounding radar for the study of glaciers in Alaska and Antarctica. Prior to joining the University of Michigan, Professor England was a scientist and former astronaut with NASA where he served as mission scientist for Apollo 13 and 16, mission specialist crewman on the Spacelab 2 flight in 1985, and space station program scientist in 1986-87. Professor England was recognized with a share of the President’s Medal of Freedom for his contributions to the safe recovery of Apollo 13 (1970). Professor England received numerous honors from the university, including the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (2002), the NCID Exemplary Diversity Engagement and Scholarship Award (2009), the Susan B. Anthony Campus Award (2017), and the Rhetaugh G. Dumas Progress in Diversifying Award from the Academic Women’s Caucus (2018).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator by naming Anthony W. England, dean emeritus of the UM-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering, and professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science.

Requested by:

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