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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

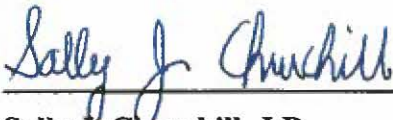
**Bobbi S. Low, Ph.D.**, professor of environment and sustainability in the School for Environment and Sustainability, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Low received her B.A. degree from the University of Louisville in 1962 and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas in 1964 and 1967, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1992.

Professor Low became the first full-time female faculty member in the School of Natural Resources in 1972. Her research interests include evolutionary and behavioral ecology, and its applications to fertility behavior in human and non-human populations; integrated evolutionary theory and resource management; resources and reproductive variance; and reproductive and resource tradeoffs for modern women. She authored, co-authored, and edited a number of important books, including *Family Patterns in Nineteenth-Century Sweden: Variations in Time and Space* (1991), *Why Sex Matters: A Darwinian Look at Human Behavior* (2000), *Institutions, Ecosystems, and Sustainability* (2001), and *Methods and Models in Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation Biology* (2010). During her career at the University of Michigan, Professor Low was also affiliated with the Program in the Environment, as well as the Institute for Social Research and the Population Studies Center. She received the Michigan Teaching Excellence Award in 1990. Professor Low mentored numerous students throughout her tenure, served on the Mentoring Others Results in Excellence Committee, and received the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award from the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies in 2007.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Bobbi S. Low, professor emerita of environment and sustainability**.

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