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ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

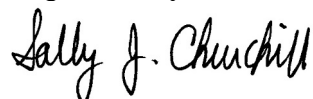
**Gregory E. Amidon, Ph.D.**, research professor, pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2021.

Professor Amidon received his B.S. (1974), M.S. (1978), and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from the University of Michigan. He held research and development positions at several pharmaceutical companies from 1979-2007. During that time, Professor Amidon also held a number of appointments in the U-M College of Pharmacy, including as an adjunct assistant professor (1991-94), an adjunct associate professor (1994-2007), and an adjunct professor (2007). He was appointed a research professor in 2007.

Professor Amidon was highly regarded for his expertise in the physical, chemical, and mechanical property characterization of active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients, and products, as well as the development of scientific strategies for oral drug delivery and solid dosage form development. Having received significant funding from the pharmaceutical industry, NIH, and FDA, he successfully applied fundamental principles of materials science to the design and development of oral solid dosage forms. His research led to greater insights into the physical and chemical processes that occur in the gastrointestinal tract and how they affect dosage form behavior and drug absorption following oral administration. Professor Amidon served in several professional leadership roles in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), where he was a founding member, fellow, and past president (2015-16). Other high-impact contributions include service as the co-chair of the FDA's Pharmaceutical Science and Clinical Pharmacology Advisory Committee and numerous leadership roles and expert panels within the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the USP's Champion of Quality Award, the American Pharmacists Association's Ebert Prize, and the AAPS's Research Achievement Award in Physical Pharmacy and Biopharmaceutics. Professor Amidon contributed greatly to the educational and research programs in the College of Pharmacy. He was instrumental in leading the college's efforts to redesign, expand, and implement the B.S. degree program in pharmaceutical sciences and the new M.S. degree in integrated pharmaceutical sciences.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gregory E. Amidon, research professor emeritus, pharmaceutical sciences.**

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