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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

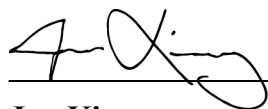
**Robert V. Hogikyan, M.D., M.P.H.**, clinical professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 1, 2024.

Dr. Robert Vartkes Hogikyan received his M.D. degree from Wayne State University and his M.P.H. degree from the University of Michigan, completing both in 1984. His training continued at Wayne State where he completed his internal medicine residency and served as chief medical resident. In 1990, after completing a fellowship in geriatric medicine at the University of Michigan, he joined the U-M faculty and shortly thereafter, initiated his longstanding tenure at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAAHS), beginning as the medical director of the community living center. Over the years, Dr. Hogikyan progressed academically to assistant professor, clinical assistant professor, and clinical associate professor, reaching the rank of clinical professor in 2018. He has held multiple leadership roles, including program director of the U-M Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, VA Fellowship in Advanced Geriatrics, and section chief of Geriatrics Medicine Section at VAAAHS. His achievements have been recognized with awards such as the Dr. Lee Weatherbee Memorial Award from the Ann Arbor VAMC and the Kemp B. Cease Clinician of the Year award from the VAAAHS.

Dr. Hogikyan has made significant contributions to the medical field, specifically in geriatric medicine, and to the University of Michigan. His expertise and leadership extend beyond academia into administrative roles within the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, where he has directed crucial geriatric and extended care programs that influence the quality of life and health management of aging veterans. His achievements are recognized nationally, with accolades such as the Henry Christian Award for Excellence in Research. Dr. Hogikyan's professional activities underscore a career committed to advancing geriatric medicine through research, clinical practice leadership, academic mentorship, and the development of care strategies that directly benefit an aging population, with a particular focus on veterans. His role in shaping healthcare and medical education at the University of Michigan and within the VA healthcare system is evidenced by his long-standing history of service and impact.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Robert V. Hogikyan, clinical professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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