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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

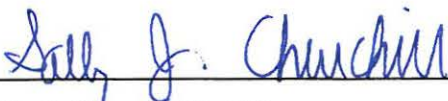
**Richard L. Lichtenstein, Ph.D.,** S.J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy and associate professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Lichtenstein received his B.S. (1968) degree from Cornell University and his M.P.H. (1970) and Ph.D. (1981) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1971, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1981, and associate professor in 1987. Dr. Lichtenstein served as the associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Public Health from 2004-05. He was named the S.J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy in 2012.

Professor Lichtenstein's ground-breaking research focused on issues dealing with racial and ethnic disparities in health; barriers to health insurance coverage for low-income children; the effects of discrimination on access to health care; and efforts to increase diversity in the health care workforce. He is a towering figure in the development of the field of health management and policy. Throughout his career, Professor Lichtenstein dedicated a major share of his efforts to attracting students of disadvantaged backgrounds to the field of public health and to creating a supportive educational environment in which they can thrive. He was actively involved in the mentorship of students ranging from junior high, via programs that introduce inner-city Detroit and Ypsilanti children to a range of health care professions, through doctoral and post-doctoral training. Professor Lichtenstein is undoubtedly, and justifiably, best known for the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP); he was director from its inception in 1986 until his retirement. This unique and high impact program opened the doors to health and health management careers to over 600 undergraduate students from around the globe. Professor Lichtenstein received several notable University awards, including the Distinguished Alumnus Award (1996), the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (1998), the Excellence in Teaching Award (2006), the Gene Feingold Diversity Award (2007), and the Distinguished Diversity Leaders Team Award (2011).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Richard L. Lichtenstein, associate professor emeritus of health management and policy.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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