

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

Adopted by the Regents
November 17, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Galen B. Toews, M.D.**, professor of internal medicine and chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School. Professor Toews passed peacefully from his battle with prostate cancer on October 12, 2011.

Professor Toews received his B.A. degree from Tabor College in 1967 and his M.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1971. Following completion of his medical internship and internal medicine residency at the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas (1971-74), he served as a medical officer at the United States Army Hospital in Fort Polk, Louisiana from 1974-76. He completed fellowships in pulmonary medicine and immunology at the University of Texas Health Science Center from 1976-79, and served on the faculty of that institution from 1979-87. Professor Toews joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1987 as associate professor and chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and was promoted to professor in 1991. He served as associate dean for research in the Medical School from 2006-08.

During his 24 years at the helm of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Professor Toews expanded the division from 10 faculty members to 47, and the division became one of the top-ranked pulmonary divisions in the *US News and World Report* rankings. He mentored multiple junior faculty, some of who now lead pulmonary divisions elsewhere. With his expertise in lung diseases, he was a sought-after clinician and an internationally recognized researcher, who published 47 book chapters and over 216 peer-reviewed manuscripts on the pulmonary fibroproliferative response to injury. Professor Toews was a highly regarded speaker, who lectured internationally and testified before the U.S. Congress on pulmonary issues. His research was funded continuously by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for 30 years. Professor Toews was awarded the Michigan Thoracic Society's Bruce H. Douglas Award, the American Thoracic Society's Parker B. Francis Award, and was elected to the American Association of Physicians.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Anita, his son Mark, his grandchildren, and other members of his family.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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