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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

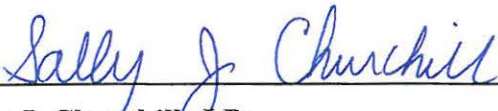
**Mark B. Orringer, M.D.**, Cameron Haight Distinguished University Professor of Thoracic Surgery, Cameron Haight Collegiate Professor of Thoracic Surgery, and professor of surgery, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on November 30, 2015.

Dr. Orringer received his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh in 1963 and 1967, respectively. He was a surgical intern (1967-68), assistant resident in surgery (1968-72), and chief resident in surgery (1972-73) at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Orringer joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1973, and was promoted to associate professor in 1976, and professor in 1980. He was named the John Alexander Distinguished Professor of Thoracic Surgery (1996-2011), the Cameron Haight Collegiate Professor of Thoracic Surgery (2011-15), and the Cameron Haight Distinguished University Professor of Thoracic Surgery (2013-15). He served as head of the Section of Thoracic Surgery (1985-98), program director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program (1985-2006), and head of the Section of General Thoracic Surgery (1998-2011).

A leader in the field of thoracic surgery, Dr. Orringer focused much of his academic career on the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant esophageal disease. He developed the pioneering transhiatal esophagectomy without thoracotomy and the combined Collis-Nissen hiatal hernia repair. Dr. Orringer's research endeavors explored a range of topics including the prognostic and therapeutic implications of unique genetic markers associated with thoracic malignancies, assessment of the long-term efficacy of antireflux operations, and the optimal methods of resection and replacement of the esophagus. Dr. Orringer published more than 275 journal articles, served on the editorial boards of several prestigious journals, and was actively involved in a number of leading professional societies. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, Dr. Orringer played an instrumental role in the development of a structured curriculum and the implementation of innovative educational tools for thoracic surgery residents. He received the University of Michigan's Outstanding Clinician Award in 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished physician and health educator for his dedicated service by naming **Mark B. Orringer, Cameron Haight Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Thoracic Surgery and professor emeritus of surgery.**

**Requested by:**



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