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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

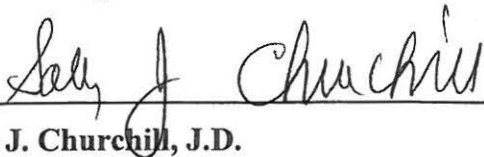
Harold W. Neighbors, Ph.D., professor of health behavior and health education in the School of Public Health, and research professor, Research Center for Group Dynamics, and adjunct research professor, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, in the Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2015.

Professor Neighbors received his B.A. degree from Haverford College in 1975 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1982. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and professor in 2004. He received an additional appointment of research professor in 2005.

Professor Neighbors' research explored a number of areas including health equity and racial and ethnic health disparities; African American mental health and help-seeking behavior; psychiatric epidemiologic research methods; cultural influences on psychiatric diagnosis; men's health; and mobile health interventions for chronic disease self-management. He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, authored numerous articles in the leading scholarly publications, and was actively involved in several professional associations. Professor Neighbors was a tireless advocate and champion of the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion within public health research, the School of Public Health, and the University. He played instrumental leadership and founding roles in the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health, the Program for Research on Black Americans, and the Paul B. Cornely Postdoctoral Program for Minority Scholars. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he was actively involved in the success of a generation of graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and early career professionals. In recognition of his many achievements, Professor Neighbors received the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (2001), the Eugene Feingold Diversity Award (2007), and the Distinguished Diversity Engagement Award for Achievement in Health Disparities and Human Development (2009).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Harold W. Neighbors, professor emeritus of health behavior and health education and research professor emeritus**.

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