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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

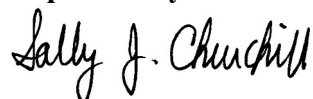
Susan E. Waltz, Ph.D., professor of public policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2020.

Professor Waltz received her B.A. (1973) degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and her Ph.D. (1980) degree from the University of Denver. From 1984-2000, she was on the faculty at Florida International University in the Department of International Relations. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 2001.

Professor Waltz was an expert in human rights and international affairs, with a focus on arms transfer policy and regional expertise on North Africa. She authored *Human Rights and Reform: Changing the Face of North African Politics* (1995) and a series of articles on the historical origins of international human rights instruments. Professor Waltz created Human Rights Advocacy and the History of International Human Rights Standards (*humanrightshistory.umich.edu*), a website hosted by U-M, which serves as a portal for instructors, students, advocates, practitioners, and researchers interested in the standard-setting advocacy work of the international human rights movement and the intellectual history of contemporary international human rights policy. She was extensively involved in policy engagement throughout her career, participating in international efforts to promote an international Arms Trade Treaty, and serving on the national boards of the American Friends Service Committee, Amnesty International USA, and on the executive committee overseeing the work of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York. Professor Waltz taught graduate and undergraduate courses in human rights, politics of public policy, and international policy. On multiple occasions, she led the International Economic Development Program, a competitive seven-week master's level course that included a weeklong field experience in a student-selected country. She also developed and co-led an international study opportunity to Costa Rica for Ford School undergraduate students. A dedicated mentor and an outstanding teacher, she won the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies' Master's Mentoring Award in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Susan E. Waltz, professor emerita of public policy.**

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