Memorial Resolution
Charles Raymond “C. Ray” Anderson

Be it resolved that on February 2, 2007, the faculty and staff of the College of Education at the University of Maryland honor the life and professional career and acknowledge the death of Dr. C. Raymond Anderson, Associate Dean Emeritus of the College of Education. C. Ray Anderson died on Nov. 19, 2006, at his home in Beltsville, Maryland. He is survived by his wife Ann, daughters Evelyn and Ada, five grandchildren, and a brother, Norman. He was preceded in death by his son, Ray.

C. Ray Anderson was born Nov. 23, 1928, in Baltimore Maryland. He earned his three degrees from the University of Maryland: bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business education, and in 1969, graduated with his doctorate of education in curriculum and instruction. He was named the Outstanding Male Graduate of the College of Education for the Class of 1957. His strong work ethic is apparent in his early years, as he held jobs at a chemical company, at the A&P grocery as a produce clerk, at Montgomery Wards and General Motors. From 1952 to 1954, he was curriculum coordinator and instructor in the U.S. Army Adjutant General’s Special School in Eta Jima, Japan. He set his career goal to be a teacher early in life; he started his career in 1957 as an instructor in the Department of Office Management and Techniques in the College of Business and Public Administration. He moved to the Department of Secondary Education. From 1969 to 1971, he was an assistant professor and assistant to the dean. He was an authority in the field of consumer education, and was instrumental in developing the college’s program in distributive education within the Department of Industrial Education.

His tenure as assistant dean was during the period when Vernon Anderson was dean. He became an associate dean under Dean Dale Scannell, where he was responsible for the budget and the physical plant. He also served as an acting dean. In his letter to Dean Scannell announcing his retirement in 1989 after 32 years of service, he stated: “I feel that I have had an exciting, challenging and successful career here and these last years working with you have been the best of them all.”

His years at the College of Education included service on the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Advisory Board. He was lauded by Dean Scannell for his efforts to deliver faculty and staff seminars to prepare the college for its NCATE visit in 1985. During his tenure he received dozens of letters of commendation and congratulations. Provost Muriel L. Sloan wrote to C. Ray in 1984 to thank him for his interim leadership of the college, which was then part of the Division of Human and Community Resources. She stated: “I am impressed with your in-depth knowledge of the College, with your ability to act for the College and to respond on its behalf, and for the support and respect you receive from the faculty in that difficult role. You were a stabilizing force in a period of potential insecurity and turmoil.” C. Ray also served on the executive council of the new University of Maryland at College Park Alumni Association, following the reorganization of the state’s colleges and universities in 1988. Colleagues remember Ray as a man of integrity and loyalty and he holds a remarkable place in the College of Education’s history.

The College of Education extends its condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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