Memorial Resolution
Charles J. Beatty

Be it resolved that on February 11, 2005, 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. Charles J. Beatty, fondly known as Chuck.

Chuck was born June 1, 1934, in Iron Mountain on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Chuck received his A.A. degree from St. Lawrence Seminary and completed his bachelor's degree at Northern Michigan University. He taught in rural and urban public schools in Michigan while completing a master's at Michigan State University and had a teaching fellowship at The Ohio State University during his doctoral work there.

While at Ohio State, Chuck met Mary Ann Miller, whom he married in 1966 before both joined the University of Maryland, he in the department of Industrial, Technological and Industrial Education, and she as assistant director of student activities. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Charles Jr., and two daughters, Clare and Colleen. As a family, they traveled widely in the United States, and as a couple they enjoyed six trips to Europe.

After Chuck served as acting chair of his department and director of the Vocational Resource Center, he directed the Office of Laboratory Experiences. He led diverse programs on teacher education, chaired the University Commencement Committee and numerous scholarship committees, served on the President's Commission for Ethnic Minority Issues and the College Park Scholars Program, and advised Native American and other student organizations. He was assistant dean of Student Affairs and associate dean in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction before retiring in 1988 from full-time work.

Chuck loved teaching and received a “Master Teacher” award in his early years at the university, and a “Distinguished Faculty Award” at the conclusion of his career. He taught 16 courses—some of which he designed and developed, and advised scores of masters and doctoral students and hundreds of undergraduates. Following his retirement, he continued to coordinate the College of Education graduation and worked part-time on a variety of projects in the Office of the Dean.

With good humor and devotion, he promoted technical education with courses and workshops throughout the state and received awards from the Montgomery and Prince George's County Public Schools and the State Board of Education. He obtained and coordinated numerous research grants, contributed to several publications, made presentations in the United States, and worked with university initiatives in Germany, Greece, and Japan.

Energetic and selfless, he contributed greatly to professional organizations devoted to education and to technical education in particular. He served as president of Phi Delta Kappa and was a national president of Iota Lambda Sigma. He was a laureate member of Epsilon Pi Tau and was active in the Technical Education Association of Maryland, the Maryland Association for Special Needs Personnel, and the International Technical Education Association (ITEA). He received many awards from these organizations, including a National Humanitarian Award from ITEA.

Industrious at home as well as at work, Chuck enjoyed building large and small projects, golfing, and creating his family's genealogy. He was active in numerous community groups and served as a Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's in Beltsville, Resurrection Church in Silver Spring, and St. Alphonsus Rodriguez in Woodstock, Maryland.

The College of Education extends its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Charles J. Beatty.

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