Memorial Resolution
Richard “Dick” Hill Byrne

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 Richard “Dick” Hill Byrne, who died July 29, 2006, in New Port Richey, Florida.

Dick was born Aug. 3, 1915, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology and sociology from Franklin and Marshall College in 1938, and his teaching certification the following year. He earned his master’s degree in school administration in 1946, and his doctorate in education in 1952, both from Teachers College at Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and worked as a junior high school teacher and counselor in Lancaster County. He also served as director of guidance for the New Hampshire State Department of Education in 1950-1951. He joined the University of Maryland in 1951 as an instructor in the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, and was director of the Eastern Regional Research and Demonstration Center of the Interprofessional Research Commission on Pupil Personnel Services. He represented the college at many professional meetings and contributed to the field as the author of three textbooks and dozens of articles on counseling and guidance.

Following retirement in 1982, he taught in the school’s counseling and personnel services master’s program in England, and was an adjunct professor in Boston University’s counseling education program in Europe.

Colleagues and friends fondly recall his dedication to teaching and learning, his humor and ability to turn a phrase, his contributions to the profession, and the devotion he inspired from his students, friends and family. Dick’s family offered these thoughts In Memoriam: “Dick was patient, kind, and caring, and had had an amazing ability to see through chaos to constructive solutions…He knew the value of discipline and he knew the value of humor.” Dozens of friends and colleagues offered written tributes and notes to Dick when he celebrated his 90th birthday in August at their home in Tarpon Springs, Florida, where they have lived since 1987.

Dick leaves behind many friends and colleagues; among those who mourn his loss are members of Lancaster’s Boy Scouts Troop 3, who gathered to honor their scout master and mentor. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Magdalene “Joy” Hill-Byrne, four children, Christopher, Matthew, Peter and Mary, and three grandchildren.

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

February 2, 2007