Memorial Resolution
Joanne Corbin

Be it resolved that on February 8, 2013, the faculty and staff of the College of Education at the University of Maryland honored the life and professional career and acknowledge the death of Joanne Corbin, former staff member in the Department of Special Education.

Joanne Corbin, Jo to all of us, joined the Department of Special Education in 1978. Prior to joining the Department, she worked in the Rehabilitation Services program then located in the Department of Industrial, Technological and Occupational Education. Her first experience in special education occurred when she offered to assist in preparing a federal grant application that proposed collaboration between special education and occupational education. She was soon hired to serve as the Secretary for the Department. Over the next two decades her responsibilities increased and she had many titles – the last prior to her retirement was Program Management Specialist.

Jo had a lovely, but subtle sense of humor. She was the first person that new faculty, staff, students, and visitors saw when they came into the department – she was friendly and knowledgeable. Jo knew everyone in the College and the University. She really knew everyone – if she didn’t know how to solve a problem she knew who could. She was frequently referred to as Mom.

Jo was critical to the success of the department on a personal and professional level. She was extremely devoted to all of the faculty and students.

Beyond the University, Jo's most important interests in life were her children, two sons and a daughter, her grandchildren and the family reunions that she would organize. Jo had many interests in the community. She was a loyal member of her church, and she ushered for the Arena Stage in Washington, DC for many years.

Jo retired in 2001. She passed away in 2012.

The College of Education is thankful for the services rendered by Joanne Corbin and extends its heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

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