Memorial Resolution
Rochelle “Shelley” Ingram

Be it resolved that on March 14, 2008, 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 Rochelle Ingram, former director of the Office of Laboratory Experiences (OLE), adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Education Policy, Planning and Administration, and instructor with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Shelley passed away from a neurological disease on October 1, 2007 at her home in Owings Mills, Maryland. She was 59. She is survived by her husband of 12 years, William B. Ingram; her son, William J. Clemson; her daughter, Jordanna Shahraki; and her mother, sister, brother, stepson, two stepdaughters and five grandchildren.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Shelley began her doctorate in school administration at the University of Maryland after returning from India, where she had worked for an organization trying to educate the poor in Third World countries. As her family noted in The Sun, “That was a transformative experience for her. After that, she knew she wanted to change the world.”

After her tenure with the college, Shelley had a long career with the Maryland State Department of Education where she held a number of posts, including as an assistant state schools superintendent. She then joined The Johns Hopkins University in 1996 as chair of the Department of Teacher Preparation in what was then the School of Professional Studies in Business and Education (SPSBE). In 1999, she was appointed associate dean and director of the Graduate Division of Education. Shelley played a key role in establishing partnerships with area school systems and was the first chair of SPSBE’s Committee on Civility and Diversity. She stepped down from the associate dean position due to health issues in 2003 but remained on the faculty and coordinated urban school partnership programs until additional health issues led to her retirement in 2004.

As described by one of her Maryland colleagues, “Shelley was truly courageous, as she had to overcome so many obstacles in recent years; yet she was never bitter or pessimistic. I always admired her wonderful combination of professional excellence, personal enthusiasm, and the genuine warmth and caring which made her so many friends and admirers. She was a model of how to live, and how to make the most of your life, no matter the number of years one is given. I miss her terribly and have been honored to know her and to have been her friend for 30 years.”

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

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