Memorial Resolution
Diane Kelly

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 Diane Kelly, former staff member in the Department of Special Education.

Diane Kelly received her PhD from the Department of Special Education in 1989 and was appointed as Research Associate in the Special Education Department in 1990 to work on a Maryland State Department of Education funded project – “Connections Beyond Sight and Sound.” The program supports children with deaf-blindness in their home, school and community. She became Project Director in 2000.

Through her work with “Connections Beyond Sight and Sound,” Diane was an advocate in the state and in the nation for children with dual sensory impairment. Her accomplishments are numerous, including a demonstration classroom at Maryland School for the Blind, a multi-state CVI project, numerous family learning weekends, multiple state-wide trainings and conferences, intervener training and mentoring, local deaf-blind support teams, and site-based individualized supports for children with deaf-blindness. Woven through it all was her passion and love for children with the most serious challenges, and a desire to improve the lives of these children and their families.

Diane passed away in August, 2012.

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

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