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 Doreen M. McClendon.

Doreen was born January 21, 1967 (as a twin) in Easton, a small town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She was a surprise to her mother because during her mother’s pregnancy, she was “hiding” behind her brother.

From day one Doreen became known as “Reenie.” Perhaps it should have been “Lil Bits” as she was such a tiny person for so long. She grew up in the Maryland/D.C. area. Her adolescent years were spent in Charles County, Maryland, where she attended James Craig Elementary, Matthew Henson Middle and McDonough High School. She was very active in sports and belonged to the girls’ basketball and gymnastic teams. When her parents moved to Prince George’s County she attended and graduated from Largo High School. After high school, Doreen married and traveled to Germany where she lived for several years. She was blessed with four daughters, Tierra, Tavia, Tiara, Tamaurice, and years later, a grandson named Tequan.

Doreen joined the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in January 2004 as the department secretary/receptionist. Right from the start, she proved to be a hard worker who was dedicated, eager to learn, very friendly and outgoing. Always smiling, she was like a ray of sunshine to members of her family, friends, and co-workers in the department. She will be fondly remembered as a person who had a heart of gold.

She loved shopping and cooking, and also enjoyed being with family and friends. Doreen attended church throughout her life. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church where she was a member of the One Accord, The Royal Guild, and the Voices of Charro choir, and she was active in Sunday School. She was a spiritual person who trusted God and kept the faith.

We will remember her spirit, her smile, her laugh, and her vibrant personality. Her presence is greatly missed, and we are thankful for the privilege of knowing her. She leaves us with wonderful memories to cherish.

The College of Education is grateful for Doreen’s dedication and service to the University of Maryland, and extends its sincere condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

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