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CHARLESTON, IL--H Ogden Brainard, a practicing attorney in Charleston for more than half a century, will be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner Sunday at Eastern Illinois University.

Brainard will be honored for his long association with the University and its Foundation and the occasion will also mark the formal naming of the H Ogden Brainard House.

The house at 1548 Fourth Street is the home of the EIU Foundation, an organization closely linked to Brainard for all of its 33 years. He was instrumental in its organization, provides continuing legal advice, has served as its president, and is an honorary member of the Board of Directors.

Brainard is an Eastern alumnus, receiving a diploma in 1925. A basketball player at both Charleston High School and Eastern, Brainard taught and coached in Illinois public schools before earning a law degree at the University of Illinois.

He holds both an honorary degree and distinguished alumnus award and has been a consistent Eastern supporter, contributing to athletic and fine arts programs. Brainard was a major donor to the Tarble Arts Center fund campaign. He is a past president of the Alumni Association.

Among special guests at the dinner will be Mrs. Nancy Froelich, chairman of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities; and Richard L. Thies, of Urbana, President of the Illinois Bar Association. Eastern's president, Dr. Stanley Rives,

will preside.

Speakers will include J. Leeds (Bud) Bower, a partner in the Brainard, Bower and Kramer law firm; Dr. Daniel E. Thornburgh, Director of University Relations and executive officer of the Foundation; Ralph Rhoden, Ashmore; and William A. Thuma, Chicago, Illinois Bar Association. Rhoden was a student of Brainard in the campus high school when he was doing his practice teaching.

Brainard was President of the Illinois Bar Association in 1970-71. He is founder and past chairman of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education of the Association.

He was a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association 1969-79 and was vice chairman of the Committee on Court Modernization.

In 1971, Brainard was a guest of Queen Elizabeth at a tea party at Buckingham Palace in London where he was attending a meeting of the American Bar Association.

The house bearing Brainard's name is included in the Coles County Register of Significant Places because of "its architectural significance as one of the few English Tudor buildings in Coles County."

Constructed in 1925 by Fiske and Olive M. Allen, the structure also houses the offices of Alumni Services, and Development and Annual Giving. Fiske Allen was Director of the training school at Eastern from 1913 to 1934.

Following the 1 p.m. dinner in the University Union, an open house will be held at the Brainard House.