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For Immediate Release:

KELLY COMMISSIONED INTO UNITED STATES ARMY

CHARLESTON – Gary L. Kelly, son of Don and Marsha Kelly of Batavia, recently was commissioned into the United States Army as a second lieutenant.

He achieved this goal through participation in Eastern Illinois University's Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, while also working toward his degree in business marketing with a concentration in professional sales. He graduated in May 2001 with his bachelor of science degree through Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and, in August 2001, began work toward his master of business administration degree.

Upon commissioning, Kelly immediately entered active duty as a U.S. Army officer; his first assignment is that of Gold Bar Recruiter at EIU. As such, he will concentrate on recruiting and retaining new students to take ROTC courses while attending the university.

In May, following his assignment at Eastern, Kelly will report for Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Ky. In December, he will report for a two-year assignment at Fort Carson, Colo., as an armor officer.

Kelly is a 1996 graduate of Batavia High School.