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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATIONS FOR "WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT" SOUGHT

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Women's Advocacy Council is encouraging area residents to nominate women who have made significant contributions to their community and/or to Eastern for the annual "Women of Achievement" Awards.

These awards will be part of the celebration of Women's History and Awareness Month in March. EIU students, faculty, civil service employees, and women in the community are eligible to be considered for an award.

Awards will be given to women who meet any combination of the following criteria: acts as a role model worthy of emulation; helps in advancing the progress of women's causes; participates in women's professional and/or community organizations; demonstrably defends women's rights and champions the cause of equity; and makes outstanding contributions in service to the university and/or community.

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WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Anyone is eligible to nominate women who have significantly improved the quality of women's lives and advanced the status of women in the area. Each nomination letter must include an explanation of the nominee's contributions and achievements and list her address and telephone number. Letters of nomination should be sent to Marilyn Coles, Department of Music, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920 by Friday, Feb. 21.

Last year, the "Women of Achievement" awards were presented to Jacqueline Record, a Charleston/Mattoon community leader; Hazel Watson, a Charleston/Mattoon community leader; and Mary Anne Hanner, a university and community leader. As many as three awards are given each year.

This year's recipients will be guests of honor at the Women's Advocacy Council Annual Awards Reception on Tuesday, March 11 at the Tarble Arts Center.