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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU WELCOMES "MAMA EDIE" AS PART OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CELEBRATION

CHARLESTON -- African-American storyteller Edith Armstrong -- more popularly known as "Mama Edie" -- will visit Eastern Illinois University Wednesday, Feb. 26, with stories reflecting various cultures of Africans, African-Americans and Caribbeans.

Her performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$3 for the general public, \$1 for students with ID.

Armstrong, a speech and language pathologist with the Management Planning Institute, Inc., in Chicago, has performed and presented workshops to numerous organizations -- in and outside of Illinois -- including Chicago public libraries, elementary and high school audiences, children's hospitals, the annual Evanston (Ill.) Ethnic Arts Festival, the Chicago Children's Museum, the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the African Festival of the Arts, and Adult Reading Literacy programs.

She is a member of the Association of Black Storytellers and the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytellers.