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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU PRESENTS HARRIETT WOODS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will host Harriett Woods at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

Woods is the former president for the National Women's Political Caucus. Her political background includes eight years as a Missouri state senator and two years as a state transportation and highway commissioner. She also was the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate in Missouri in 1982 and 1986. Presently Woods is the vice-chair for Women's Vote Project '96, The Deciding Vote.

She was a key leader in the Coalition for Women's Appointments, an effort to promote women to be appointed on senior policy positions.

Appearing on *Nightline*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show* and *Crossfire*, Woods also made regular appearances on PBS's all-woman discussion group show, *To the Contrary*, as well as writing commentaries for *USA Today* and *The Chicago Tribune*.

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Woods graduated from the University of Michigan and is married with three sons and eight grandchildren. She resides in University City, a suburb of St. Louis.

Woods' presentation is part of the University Board lecture series and is co-sponsored by the Panhellenic Council Critical and Current Issues Committee and the Women's Advocacy Council. Admission is \$3 for students with I.D. and \$5 for the general public.

For more information, call Jam Bagwanadee at 581-5117.