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For Immediate Release:

WOMEN'S GROUP TO HONOR CHARLESTON RESIDENTS, EIU STUDENTS

CHARLESTON -- Awards will be presented to three Charleston residents next week as Eastern Illinois University brings its month-long celebration of women to a close.

Women's History and Awareness Month activities will conclude with an awards reception, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Tarble Arts Center, located on the university campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Eastern's Women's Advocacy Council plans to award Women of Achievement Awards to Therese Supple Kincade, Judy Moll and Anne Zahlan for their contributions to the community and/or university.

Kincade is well known throughout the Charleston area for her numerous community service activities, her commitment to the arts and her business acumen. In

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addition to her work as co-owner of What's Cookin' restaurant, she is a gifted actor and director in local stage productions, assists with middle and high school theatrical productions and is president of Eastern's Tarble Arts Center Board.

Moll has made a huge contribution in community services to the Coles County area and has actively participated in many women's organizations for the past 30 years. She has maintained relentless interest in the education, health and welfare of children and their families, and has served as a leader and board member in such organizations as Head Start, the Coles County Council on Aging, Citizens Against Child Abuse, Coles County Habitat for Humanity, etc. She currently serves as Mattoon's Title I parent coordinator.

Zahlan, a professor of English at Eastern, is committed to feminist discourse and strives to include in her courses literature by and about women to which both male and female students can respond. She is dedicated to her students and a true mentor to them. She also remains active on Eastern's Faculty Senate.

In addition to the Women of Achievement Awards, the Women's Advocacy Council also will present its annual Writing Award for a student essay incorporating a feminist perspective. The first-place winner of the contest is Anita Beaman of Wonder Lake for her essay, "Patchwork Tales: Quilters and Quilting in Children's Picture Books." Honorable mention awards will be shared by Megan Quick of Watseka and Amanda Payne of Xenia for their essay, "A Model Image," and Annie White of Highland

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for her essay, "Issues Affecting Women in Prison."

Also, the new Women's Advocacy Council logo, designed by EIU student Jen Polkow of Warrenville, will be unveiled at Monday's reception.

The evening's entertainment will include performances by Eastern's Women's Ensemble, directed by Mark Jennings; flute ensembles, directed by Diane Boyd; and a selection by Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity members. Living History participants who performed in local schools throughout the month of March also will be introduced.