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For Immediate Release:

DISTRICT U.S. MARSHAL TO SPEAK AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Robert Moore, United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois, will discuss "Problems of Federal Law Enforcement" when he visits the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The talk has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27, in Lumpkin Hall, Room 017 (basement auditorium). The event is free and open to the public.

Moore's talk will cover such issues as gun control, federal and local law enforcement control, fugitive pursuit, gambling, drugs, the federal witness protection program and property seizure.

According to the U.S. Marshals Service website, <<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals/>>, the organization is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. Since 1789, U.S. marshals have served the nation through a variety of vital law enforcement activities. Director Eduardo Gonzalez, Deputy Director

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Ray Havens and 94 U.S. Marshals -- appointed by the president or attorney general -- direct the activities of 95 district offices and personnel stationed at more than 350 locations throughout the 50 states, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Each district is headed by a U.S. marshal.

Moore, a native of Mississippi, was appointed to his post by President Bill Clinton on Oct. 11, 1994. He began his career in 1970 as a deputy sheriff with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department in Rockford and, two years later, he joined the Illinois State Police as a state trooper. He was appointed deputy chief of police for the Savannah, Ga., Police Department in 1985, and served in that position and as commander of criminal investigations until June 1987.

He served as deputy director, Cook County Region, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, until May 1988, then as chief of IDCFS' Internal Investigations until September 1992.

Since assuming his role as a U.S. marshal, Moore has implemented programs that have diversified the district staff, and while serving as chairman of the Marshals Service Equal Employment Opportunities Committee (1995-1998), he was instrumental in guiding the Marshals Service's renewed efforts to provide equal employment opportunities for all Marshals Service employees.

He is the recipient of several awards, the most recent being the United States Marshals Services Distinguished Service Award (1999) and the Lloyd Sealey Award for Outstanding Service and Accomplishments in Criminal Justice from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (1998).

The Central District of Illinois, headquartered in Springfield, also has offices in Champaign, Peoria and Danville.