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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL.--DR. QUINCY DOUDNA, 80, President of Eastern Illinois University from 1956 until 1971, died at 10:34 a.m. Tuesday (April 21) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Charleston.

DR. DOUDNA had maintained residences in both Charleston and Lake Worth, FL since his retirement and was active in several community civic organizations including the Charleston Rotary Club, Wesley United Methodist Church and on the Charleston National Bank Board of Directors.

"President Doudna was the leading force in making Eastern Illinois University a university," Dr. Stanley G. Rives, current EIU President, said Tuesday afternoon.

Rives said President Doudna's service to Illinois as its third EIU president took the institution through difficult times of social strife and burgeoning campus growth.

"Through his leadership, Dr. Doudna made possible the quality of Eastern today," said Dr. Rives.

Eastern officials said that plans to hold a memorial service for Dr. Doudna will be announced later this week.

He served 44 years in public education with 35 years in higher education administration and the last 15 at EIU.

During his tenure as EIU President, enrollment rose from 2181 to 8652, and he directed the expansion of physical facilities by 34 buildings and additions costing almost \$50 million.

Under his guidance, EIU advanced from predominantly a teacher education institution to a full fledged University as several schools and a college evolved.

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Other highlights of his presidency included a differentiated tuition plan to balance year around enrollment, the establishment of summer school to permit the most economical use of teachers and classrooms, a student fee assessment to help economically disadvantaged but academically qualified students and the commitment to academic majors in Afro-American Studies and Environmental Biology.

DOUDNA began his career in higher education when he was named director of rural and elementary education at Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1945.

In 1947 he was appointed dean of administration at Stevens Point, a position he held until his selection as president of EIU. While at Stevens Point he helped establish teachers colleges in both Peru and Venezuela.

In 1960 he assisted the West Indies Federation in selecting a location for that country's teachers college, and then in 1966 went to Columbia to arrange for an administrative intern from that country to spend a year at EIU under the auspices of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

DR. DOUDNA was educated in the public schools of Poynette, WI and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Carroll College, WI in 1927. He received the MAster of Arts degree (1930) and the Doctor of Philosophy (1948) from the University of Wisconsin.

He was awarded two honorary degrees, a Doctor of Humane Letters from Eastern in 1985 and a Doctor of Laws from Carroll College in 1960.

He began his public school employment in 1927 as a high school chemistry, general science and physics teacher at Antigo, Wisconsin. In 1934 he was appointed principal of the high school and elementary grades at Lone Rock, WI.

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Between 1937 and 1945 he served as principal of the Richland County Teachers College and the Door-Kewaunee County Teachers College, two year Wisconsin teacher-training institutions.

He is survived by his wife, Winifred, and two sons, Lonnie of Stevens Point, WI, and Gary of Charleston.