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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Reginald Wilson, director of the Office of Minority Concerns for the American Council of Education in Washington, DC, will give the keynote address, Affirmative Action: An Issue in Peril, at Eastern Illinois University's Affirmative Action Day Noon luncheon, Friday (Feb. 28) in the University Union 1895 Room.

At that luncheon, two \$500 Affirmative Action awards, funded by the EIU Foundation, will be presented to groups "who have made contributions to affirmative action above and beyond their stated mission," said Dr. Judith Anderson, EIU's Affirmative Action officer.

One \$500 award will be given on behalf of women, the other on behalf of minorities.

Prior to his appointment as director of Minority Concerns in 1981, Wilson was President of Wayne County Community College in Detroit for ten years.

He has taught graduate courses in psychology and black studies at Wayne State University, Oakland University and the University of Michigan, and has been a director of higher education programs for Black Studies, Upward Bound and Test Development and Research.

Wilson is the co-author of Human Development in the Urban Community and editor of Race Equality in Higher Education.

A licensed psychologist in Michigan and Washington, DC, he is the recipient of the Anthony Wayne Award and the Distinguished Service Medal from the City of Detroit.

Seven organizations have been nominated to receive the two monetary awards.

They are the Journalism Department, Career Planning & Placement Center, Sigma Gamma
Rho Sorority, Student Karate Club, Women's Studies Council, University Board Student
Activities and Educational Psychology and Guidance Department.