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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DURBIN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Karen Durbin, daughter of Gladys and the late Paul Durbin of Litchfield, is the recipient of the Bertha G. Hoedebecke Scholarship award from Eastern Illinois University.

The award, established in 1991 by Hillsboro resident, Bertha G. Hoedebecke, in memory of George A. Gewe, is administered through the Eastern Foundation and presented to a resident of Montgomery or Effingham county who is an EIU junior with a declared major in elementary education and at least a 2.25 grade point average.

The Foundation, with an endowment exceeding \$13.3 million, was established in 1953 and annually distributes more than 200 scholarships and awards to EIU students and faculty. All scholarships and awards are privately funded and held in trust by the Foundation.