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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN TO HOST GIRLS STATE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Some 600 high school students will attend the 52nd annual session of the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State which begins this Sunday and continues through Saturday on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

Highlighting the week-long educational program on state politics will be an address by Gov. Jim Edgar at 7:15 p.m. Monday in Eastern's Dvorak Concert Hall.

Other speakers during the week include Regional Superintendent of Schools Rosemary Shepherd; Coles County Sheriff James Kimball; Judy Frazer, weather forecaster at WCIA TV in Champaign; and John "Jake" Comer, past national commander of the American Legion.

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Rasa Forsberg of Chicago, director of public relations for Girls State, said the participants, most of whom will return to their high schools in the fall as seniors, are chosen by their high school principals and counselors each spring and sponsored by their local American Legion Auxiliary units.

To be eligible for Girls State, a girl must be between her junior and senior years and in the top half of her class. She also must have a genuine interest in state government, Forsberg said.

In addition to political speakers, the program includes educational seminars and elections for state, county and city offices.

"Since the program is designed to function as a 51st state, participants experience the complete election process from filing petitions for office and holding party conventions to voting in the primary and general elections," Forsberg said.

She added, "Illini Girls State gives participants a unique opportunity to learn about state government and to develop lasting friendships. Each year we have a new group of enthusiastic girls, some of whom return to Girls State as counselors."