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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (May 4)

CHARLESTON, IL.--ERRETT WARNER, Lawrenceville, one of Eastern Illinois University's most prominent and honored alumnus, will be bestowed an honorary degree at EIU's Commencement ceremony Saturday (May 9).

EIU President Stanley G. Rives will honor WARNER with a Doctor of Humane Letters at the morning ceremony which will be held at 10 a.m. on the Library Quad.

"We are privileged to bestow an honorary degree upon Errett Warner. He has had a distinguished career as an Illinois educator and a state employee," said RIVES.

"His contributions to the pursuit of academic excellence at EIU and other universities are exemplary. The deserving students who have benefitted from his financial support stand singularly and collectively as outstanding examples of his belief in higher education."

WARNER, 88, previously was honored as a recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He also is a past president of the EIU Foundation, a charter member of the President's Club, member of the EIU athletic Hall of Fame and former grand marshal of the Homecoming Parade.

Since 1976 his gifts to the University have funded 132 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000.

As an EIU undergraduate he distinguished himself as a letterman in baseball and football, captaining the 1924 grid team.

Upon graduation he became one of the state's most devoted educators serving several Illinois public school systems for 42 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. From 1955-63 he was superintendent of schools in Lawrence County.

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For a number of years he also served the state as an oil well inspector and pollution control officer for the Department of Minerals and Mines, a job that covered 21 counties.

In addition to the bachelor's degree from EIU, WARNER holds an M.S. in Biological Science from the University of Chicago and an M.A. in Administration from the University of Illinois.