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CHARLESTON, IL.--Burl Ives, Eastern Illinois University Distinguished Alumnus and Honorary Degree recipient, was recently honored by the Boys Scouts of America.

Ives was one of 11 who received the Silver Buffalo at the BSA's biennial National Council meeting in late May at Louisville, KY.

The international entertainer was cited for his "manifold achievements on behalf of Scouts and all Americans."

His record album, Scouting Along with Burl Ives, "taught thousands of scouts how to sing scouting songs and some of the classic ballads of American history."

Ives has entertained at national scout jamborees in 1977 and 1981. He was a Lone Scout in his youth. The Silver Buffalo awards, presented since 1926, recognize distinguished service to youth of a national or international character.

Eastern most recently honored Ives with a Honorary Degree in May, 1985, and he was back on campus in late April to perform a benefit concert for the Foundation's art studio project.