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ALL AREA RESIDENTS INVITED TO EDGAR HOMECOMING

CHARLESTON, IL.-All area residents are invited to an informal, public "homecoming" reception for Governor-Elect Jim Edgar at Eastern Illinois University Tuesday (Jan. 15).

The reception will begin at 6 p.m. in Eastern's University Union Grand Ballroom. All area residents are invited to meet and congratulate the Edgars. Families are encouraged to attend.

Parking will be available in any campus lot, except for areas marked for the handicapped.

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A brief address by Governor Edgar will highlight a short program scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Eli Sidwell of Charleston is the master of ceremonies.

The Charleston High School Band Ensemble, directed by Ginger Stanfield, and the EIU Collegians, directed by Robert Hills, will provide entertainment. The Collegians' performance will center around Neil Diamond's popular hit "Headed for the Future."

EIU President Stan Rives will present a memento of the enabling legislation that created the Eastern Illinois State Normal School in 1895 to Governor Edgar.

Edgar is returning to Charleston on Tuesday during his first full day as Governor. He is the first Coles County resident to be elected Governor. It is also the first time a graduate of Eastern Illinois University has held the state's highest office.

A Charleston resident and 1968 Eastern graduate, Governor Edgar has kept close ties with the University and the Charleston community. In 1989, he chose Charleston and Eastern as the first site to announce his plans to run for Governor. He is a past president of the Coles County Historical Society.