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An Interview with Terry Bruce

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Terry Bruce, CEO for the Illinois Eastern Community College System for 17 years. He discusses the unique relationship of the four college/Illinois Eastern System. He was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Terry Bruce was born in Olney, Illinois in 1949. He graduated from East Richard High School and earned a BA (Political Science) from the University of Illinois. He also earned a Law degree from University of Illinois. His career started as an intern for the Illinois General Assembly. He then was elected as State Senator, serving from 1970 to 1984. During that time, he served on the Appropriations Committee, which dealt with higher education funding. Bruce was elected as a Democrat to the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois's 19th District. He served in this capacity from 1985 to 1993. At the time of the interview he had served as CEO for the Illinois Eastern Community College System for 17 years. Colleges in this system are Frontier (Fairfield), Lincoln Trail (Robinson), Olney Central and Wabash Valley (Mt. Carmel). This interview included Terry's involvement with Community Colleges as well as a Legislative Congressman and CEO.

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