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Veteran Elected Official To Be Honored

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Austin -- On Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 at 9:00 am, Nelda Wells Spears, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar, will be honored by the Travis County Commissioners in Commissioners' Court. Spears, a twenty-one year veteran elected official, announced her retirement earlier this year.

Travis County residents are familiar with the name "Nelda Wells Spears". Those who own property or vehicles have made checks out to that name for over twenty years. Starting on January 1st, 2012, residents will write a new name for vehicles registration and property tax payments.

On July 21st of this year Spears announced her retirement effective December 31st, 2011. The advanced notice provided Travis County Commissioners with ample time to consider the appointment they must make to complete the last year of Spears' four-year term.

The Travis County Tax Office collects property taxes for 107 jurisdictions including the City of Austin, Austin ISD, Austin Community College, Travis County and Travis Central Health. In addition, the tax office registers and collects fees for 836,000 vehicles and transfers 204,000 vehicle titles annually. Nelda Wells Spears also serves as the Travis County Voter Registrar and maintains records for 569,000 voters.

Spears says she plans to enjoy retirement by spending more time with her family.