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Veteran Elected Official Announces Retirement

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AUSTIN---Long time Travis County residents know the name “Nelda Wells Spears” well. Those who own property or vehicles have made checks out to that name for over twenty years. Starting January 1, 2012, residents will write a new name for vehicle registration and property tax payment as Tax Assessor-Collector Spears announces her plans to retire.

Today Spears announced the date of her retirement, December 31, 2011. The advanced notice provides Travis County Commissioners with ample time to consider the appointment they must make to complete the last year of Spears’ four-year term.

The tax office collects property taxes for 107 jurisdictions including the City of Austin, Austin ISD, Austin Community College, Travis County and Travis Central Healthcare District. In addition, the tax office registers and collects fees for 836,000 vehicles and transfers 204,000 vehicle titles. Nelda Wells Spears also serves as Travis County’s voter registrar and maintains records for 569,000 voters.

Spears thanked the citizens of Travis County for continued support and praised tax office employees for their hard work and dedication. Spears said she plans to spend more time with family.