

Austin Tax Office Honors Nelda Wells Spears



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(VILLAGER NEWS) - Saturday, May 4, 2019, Travis County and the Spears family invited everyone to attend the renaming of the Airport Tax Office. The Tax Office was renamed in honor of Nelda Wells Spears. Numerous elected officials and community leaders were present along with Constable Thomas, and Bruce Elfant.

The Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church Pastor provided the invocation, followed by special guest speakers; her son Trent, former Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe, and former Travis County Judge Bill Aleshire, who also served as Mrs. Spears campaign manager.

Finally, the renaming of the Tax office will forever cement Mrs. Spears role in Travis County politics and Texas history. On August 1, 1991, Nelda was appointed Tax Assessor-Collector, making her the first African-American to hold that position among the state's 254 counties. Spears served for five consecutive terms, retired on December 31, 2011. Spears was a proud Austin, Texas native and a lifelong member of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church.



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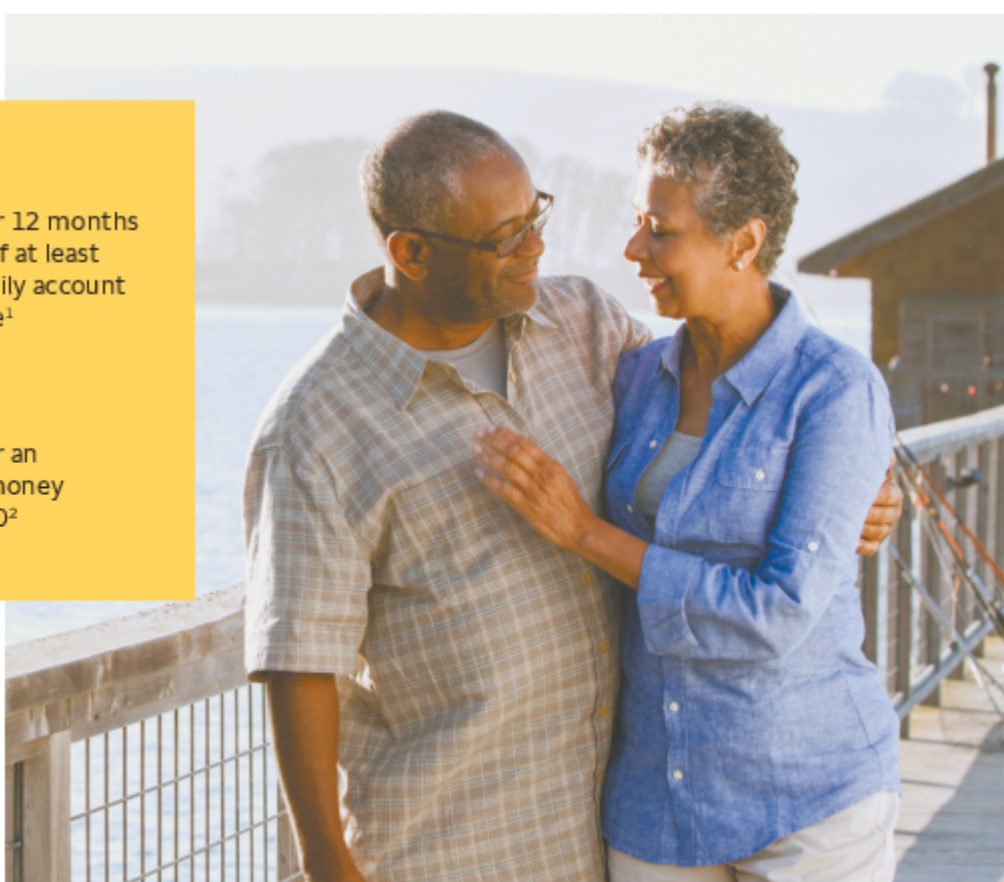
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