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Tax Collector to honor Mary Alice Dorsett at new branch office dedication.

Tampa, FL (September 28, 2011) - Doug Belden, Hillsborough County Tax Collector will host a branch office dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 7:30 a.m., in honor of Mary Alice Dorsett, a woman who has dedicated a lifetime of service to this community.

The tax collector originally dedicated the office in honor of Mary Alice Dorsett back in 2001, but with the recent opening of the new branch office, Belden wanted to rededicate the building to the “woman of firsts”. Mary Alice Dorsett is recognized as a hard-working community leader. She was the first African–American to run for the state legislature, the first African-American woman to establish an employment agency and was Tampa’s first bail bonds woman. “Ms. Dorsett is a true leader and role model and should be commended for her contributions in this community.” Belden said.

The recently relocated North Tampa office, now the largest of the 7 area branches, is located at 3011 University Drive, Suite 150, Tampa, FL 33612, just north of Busch Gardens off of 30th Street and Bougainvillea Avenue. The new office will accommodate the increase in customer traffic as the state Driver License office in Lutz permanently closed its doors at the end of July. The new branch office offers motor vehicle registrations, hunting and fishing permits, property tax and driver license services.

City of Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn and other local leaders are scheduled to attend and honor Ms. Dorsett. The public is invited.