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**Dorothy Brown to Speak at Reception Honoring
the 100th Birthday of the First Black Female CPA**

What: The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will be the guest speaker at the Mary T. Washington Wylie, CPA, Reception.

Clerk Brown will expound on the highlights of Ms. Washington Wylie's life, parallels between her life and Ms. Washington Wylie's as well as how to best build upon Ms. Washington Wylie's legacy today.

"I am honored to speak about the legacy of Ms. Washington Wylie because she was a classy, intelligent and hard working businesswoman," said Clerk Brown. "I consider her a role model and I am thankful for the doors of opportunity that she opened in the CPA profession."

The event is being held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth date of Mary T. Washington Wylie who passed away in 2005 at the age of 99. A fund named in her honor will also be launched at the reception to build upon her tradition of helping African Americans become certified public accountants.

When: Thursday, April 20, 2006
7:30 p.m.

Where: DuSable Museum of African-American History
740 E. 56th St.
Chicago, IL

Details: Mary T. Washington Wylie became the first African-American woman CPA and the 13th black CPA in the nation in 1943. She established the CPA firm known today as Washington, Pittman and McKeever, LLC in 1939.

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