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Representative Flynn Travels to Border

AUSTIN, TEXAS — This week Representative Dan Flynn (R - Van) traveled to the Border Region of the United States and Mexico. The trip was planned to place particular emphasis on border



security. The overall goal of the trip was to prepare legislation for the coming 82nd Texas Legislation Session and to meet with Colonel Pete Flores, Texas Parks and Wildlife and his staff to have an informed understanding of the current challenges and violence on our international border. Unexpected, was the opportunity to meet with local law enforcement officials and to learn firsthand of the most recent shooting of David Michael Hartley. The 30-year-old McAllen resident presumed dead after a

purported pirate attack on him and his wife one week ago on Falcon Reservoir.

Representative Flynn was able to meet and visit with Tiffany Young-Hartley, the spouse of Mr. Hartley, and his mother and father. She reported her story of how her husband was shot in the head. She fled to the U.S. shore of the reservoir after trying in vain to get his limp body onto her personal watercraft. After meeting with the family and discussing the incident, Flynn assisted and participated in a brief memorial service with Tiffany Hartley and the family of the victim including a prayer and laying a flower close to the scene.





Rep. Flynn stated, "It is a tragedy that the United States Government has once again failed in its duty to the citizens of Texas. I want to thank Governor Rick Perry, Zapata Sherriff Sigi Gonzales and Colonel Flores with Texas Parks and Wildlife for their extraordinary efforts in this matter and for what they do on the border where the Federal Government has failed to do so."

In addition, Representative Flynn viewed the new Fast Boat fleet of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and accompanied them on a patrol of the border region including Falcon Lake and the Gulf of Mexico. He also accompanied them by air for a patrol between Zapata and Brownsville, which allowed him to gain a critical perspective on the challenges and concerns of Game Wardens and other law enforcement agents on a daily basis. His unique position as Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Borders and International Affairs and a Commander in the Maritime Regiment of the Texas State Guard will provide him valuable insight on the serious nature of the violence of the Border.

Rep. Flynn concluded, "I want to thank Colonel Flores for hosting this effort and all the Game Wardens of Texas who often work without backup or additional support for their courage, bravery and amazing service to the state. They perform a wide variety of functions that make them uniquely suited to ensuring the safety and well being of Texans and I fully support their efforts."



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