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Saluting Employees

Fallen officers remembered

The 15th Annual Fallen Officers' Memorial Ceremony was held at the Texas Prison Museum on May 8 to honor the memory of officers and employees lost in the line of duty. This service, and similar ones held at units throughout the state, serves as a special time set aside to honor each fallen employee and reflect upon the impact each has had on their co-workers and family members.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Executive Director Brad Livingston was the keynote speaker at the event held in Huntsville and spoke about those who have been lost, saying, "Today, as we honor those who have died in the line of duty, I urge you to remember their unselfishness, their many

acts of courage and the commitment they demonstrated every day. It's human nature



Floyd Hejl, father of fallen parole officer Reuben Hejl, stands at attention during the Posting of the Colors. Mr. Hejl's son died of injuries sustained during a motorcycle accident on May 19, 2009 while performing his duties as a parole officer in Huntsville.

to feel some sadness as we reflect back on those who laid down their lives, but they deserve more than our sorrow. They deserve our pride and our continued dedication to making the state of Texas a safer place."

Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Oliver Bell was also in attendance at the ceremony, which was held during National Correctional Officer's and Employee's Week. Speaking of all TDCJ employees, Chairman Bell said, "The dedication TDCJ employees demonstrate while protecting their fellow employees and the citizens of Texas is an inspiration. I have nothing but the utmost respect for these folks who serve as the backbone of our agency and ensure we have the best criminal justice system in the nation." ●