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Senate Approves Governor Abbott Appointee Fred Solis to Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Austin, TX (June 5, 2015) — The Texas Senate Committee on Nominations has approved Governor Greg Abbott's appointee, Colonel Lionel F. "Fred" Solis, U.S. Army Retired, of San Antonio, Texas to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for a term to expire February 1, 2021. The Board makes parole decisions for Texas prison inmates, determines conditions for parole and mandatory supervision and makes recommendations on clemency matters to the governor.

"It is with great regard we welcome Fred Solis to the Board of Pardons and Paroles and congratulate him on his appointment by Governor Abbott. With such a distinguished career in the military, public and private sectors, we are honored to have Mr. Solis join the Board," stated Rissie Owens, Chair, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Col. Solis is a veteran of the U.S. military. His 40 year career of active duty and in the Army Reserves included service in Special Operations Forces Command, Civil Affairs, Military Police and Infantry with deployments into Afghanistan, Africa, Bosnia, Croatia, Europe, Haiti and South Korea. Additionally, he was a police officer in the San Antonio Police Department and was the chief of police for the City of Olmos Park. He most recently served in the Bexar County District Attorney's Office as a criminal investigator and as an adjunct professor at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Col. Solis received a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles, established by the Texas Constitution, decides which eligible offenders to release on parole, the conditions for parole and whether to revoke parole if conditions are not met. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/bpp/index.htm>

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