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South Texan Selected 2007 President of ASSIST

AUSTIN, TX—As it faces major border security challenges, the *Associated Security Services and Investigators of the State of Texas (ASSIST)* recently gave its vote of confidence to **Mr. Dan Flores** from Brownsville by naming him its 2007 President at its annual conference in El Paso, Texas on Friday, Oct. 5.

Formerly the group's Vice President, Mr. Flores has also served as the Regional President for the Rio Grande Valley ASSIST Chapter. Mr. Flores will replace outgoing President Dave Parker from Houston.

"I am deeply honored to have been elected president of ASSIST. Our organization represents over 3,280 security companies and approximately 160,000 security officers state wide. I will take the time to listen to anyone in the security profession. Most importantly, I will continue to promote high standards of conduct and ethics in our security profession."

Presenting him with a Senate Proclamation, **Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr.** said, "Mr. Dan Flores is well-qualified to undertake the leadership position of the Associated Security Services and Investigators of the State of Texas."

ASSIST is dedicated to enhancing security services for Texas citizens by promoting and safeguarding high-standards of services in the security industry through quality training programs for security officers, championing of appropriate legislative and continuous improvement initiatives, and promoting and sustaining constructive dialogue among security professionals. There are 225 members comprising ASSIST, who work in fields ranging from security to private investigations.

Mr. Flores has owned and operated his own security firm, American Investigations and Security International, for the last 18 years and has been a member of the Association of Licensed Investigators for more than 15 years. Committed to his community, Mr. Flores has served as Director of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce for three years, and is currently treasurer of the Brownsville Crime Stoppers.

As President, Mr. Flores will be challenged with the group's goals of fostering research and distributing knowledge of the security profession among its membership and the general public. ASSIST seeks to broaden public understanding of the security profession, as well as to foster, promote, maintain and encourage the civic, social and economic welfare of the security profession. Also dedicated to supporting our system of free competitive enterprise and individual acceptance of responsibility, ASSIST strives to cooperate with federal, state and local government authorities for the good of the community and the security profession.

"I am certainly proud that we have our own South Texans leading this important organization," added Sen. Lucio. "I can't think of a person with more experience and knowledge of border security and other issues than Mr. Flores, and feel confident he will help enhance our state's safety in this 21st Century environment."