

California for deployment to Vietnam. He arrived at Bien Hoa Airbase, Vietnam and was transported to the 90th Replacement Battalion and then to the 199th Light Infantry Brigade Main Base in March 1967. He served as a Combat Infantry Radio Telephone Operator in Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry. The company would deploy from base camp to “the field” on Eagle Flights by “Huey” helicopters and would then set up a Command Post, with most combat missions conducted at the platoon level. SP-5 Campbell has described his duties as endless Search & Destroy patrols through jungles and rice paddies during the day and setting up ambush defensive perimeters with 3-man positions at night. Despite the daunting challenges of the mission, which required contacting the elusive enemy, the Viet Cong (VC) Guerrilla forces, and surviving the ensuing firefights, SP-5 Campbell and the Charlie Company succeeded in gathering vital operations intelligence for the U.S. Army. On July 2, 1967, PFC Campbell was Wounded in Action in a firefight with the VC on a Search & Destroy patrol. For his bravery and sacrifice to our country, PFC Campbell received the Purple Heart. Despite his injury, PFC Campbell remained in Vietnam in service to our great Nation. While assigned to Headquarters Company at the 199th Infantry Brigade Main Base, shortly after midnight on January 30, 1968, SP-4 Campbell witnessed the infamous Tet Offensive begin, where the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong launched a series of well-coordinated attacks on cities, towns, and large military bases all over South Vietnam. SP-4 Campbell courageously served as part of the last line of defense for Brigade Headquarters, and we thank him and his comrades for ensuring our enemy never broke through the Brigade’s perimeter defenses. Finally in March 1968, SP-5 Campbell returned to the 90th Replacement Battalion and back to the Bien Hoa Airbase for the flight home.

Please stand with me to honor SP-5 Campbell for his bravery and dedication, which will always be treasured by our Nation, our community in East Tennessee, and everyone who knows him.

TRIBUTE TO BRUNO MAESTRI

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a dedicated public servant and steadfast champion of America’s transportation system, Mr. Bruno Maestri, on his retirement from Amtrak on January 30, 2026. After decades of distinguished service in the railroad industry and in the halls of government, Bruno Maestri leaves behind a legacy defined by integrity, bipartisanship, and an unwavering commitment to strengthening our Nation’s passenger network.

I have known Bruno for many years, and I can say without hesitation that he is a gentleman in a town where that is not always a common or easy attribute. His professionalism, humility, and steady demeanor have earned him the respect of colleagues on

both sides of the aisle and throughout the transportation community.

Since joining Amtrak in 2019 as Vice President for Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Bruno has led the company’s federal, state, and community outreach with exceptional skill and integrity. He strengthened relationships with key stakeholders, including the freight railroads over which many of Amtrak’s routes operate, and ensured that the voice of America’s Railroad was heard clearly and constructively across all levels of government. His thoughtful engagement elevated Amtrak’s national reputation and reinforced its public service mission.

Bruno has been instrumental in representing Amtrak before both the legislative and executive branches. His ability to build trusted, bipartisan relationships has been essential to advancing the company’s priorities. During his tenure, Amtrak secured historic levels of public investment—resources now modernizing infrastructure, expanding service, and improving safety and reliability for millions of passengers nationwide. These achievements will strengthen passenger rail for decades to come.

He also played a pivotal role in raising the visibility of passenger rail as a vital component of America’s transportation network. Working closely with policymakers and community leaders, Bruno championed efforts to expand and enhance service so that Americans in both urban and rural communities could benefit from a more modern and connected rail system.

During the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bruno’s steady leadership proved indispensable. In a time of uncertainty, he ensured clear and consistent communication with employees, customers, policymakers, and partners. His work helped guide Amtrak through one of the most difficult periods in the history of the transportation industry and positioned the company for recovery.

Prior to joining Amtrak, Bruno served for 24 years in senior leadership roles at Norfolk Southern Corporation, overseeing federal and state government affairs and coordinating regulatory engagement with key agencies. His deep expertise and professionalism have long been recognized throughout the rail industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Bruno Maestri as he embarks on his well-earned retirement. As Bruno begins this next chapter—spending more time with his family in Chincoteague and cheering on his beloved Washington Nationals—we thank him for a career marked by service, partnership, and perseverance.

HONORING THE 37TH ANNUAL
HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER
CEREMONY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 37th annual Hands Across the Border ceremony, a cherished tradition that honors the deep friendship and shared cultural heritage between Browns-

ville, Texas, and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Each year, community leaders from both cities gather at the Gateway International Bridge, transforming a point of separation into a powerful symbol of unity. The ceremony includes the release of doves, the exchange of gifts between children, and the recognition of distinguished members of the community. This event coincides with Brownsville’s Charro Days Fiesta, Sombrero Festival, and Fiestas Mexicanas, which commemorate our community’s ties to Mexican culture.

These cultural festivals were established by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce in 1964 to strengthen cross-border relations. This shortly followed the creation of the Mr. Amigo Association to honor distinguished Mexican citizens who foster goodwill and friendship with the United States.

Since 1969, when Lic. Jorge Perez y Bouras was recognized as the first Mr. Amigo honoree, many notable individuals, including Juan Gabriel, Vicente Fernandez, and Lola Beltran, have been celebrated for their cultural diplomacy and binational goodwill. These events are integral to the continuity of the relationship between Matamoros and Brownsville.

Mr. Speaker, the Hands Across the Border celebration stands as an enduring symbols of unity, heritage, and cooperation between Brownsville and Matamoros. These events are integral to preserving the strong cultural and economic bonds that define the Rio Grande Valley and our relationship with Mexico.

HONORING MIGUELINA CAMILO

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miguelina Camilo on her historic appointment as Chief of Staff in the New York City Council Speaker’s Office. This is not only a personal achievement, but a milestone for the Bronx, for New York City, and for the Dominican-American community that helped shape her journey.

Most recently, Miguelina served as Counsel to Speaker Heastie of the New York State Assembly, where she played critical roles in overseeing legislative initiatives, coordinating across agencies, and engaging with community members. She was key in leading discussions with the Executive on funding much needed discovery reform. Her work strengthened our justice system and delivered real results for New Yorkers.

Before that, Miguelina was a transformative leader in the nonprofit and legal community—serving as President of the Bronx Chapter of 100 Hispanic Women, the Bronx Women’s Bar Association, and the Dominican Bar Association. She mentored young people, elevated legal professionals, and set a standard of excellence grounded in integrity and service.

Miguelina Camilo has spent a lifetime serving her city. I have no doubt she will bring the same dedication and rigor to the Speaker’s Office. New York City is better for it.