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Award: Honoring Our Veterans

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Bill Nelson is the Chairman and CEO of Eleven Bravo Enterprises, a consulting firm he founded in 2013. Previously, he worked at Time Warner Inc. for 33 years, the last 28 of which was with Home Box Office, Inc. (HBO), where he served as the Chairman and CEO, a position he held from 2007 until his retirement in 2013.

Mr. Nelson joined HBO in May 1984 as Vice President and Assistant Controller, responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of HBO's general management, international finance and sales and marketing groups. In 1985, he was named Vice President and Controller, and was promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1991. Mr. Nelson was named Executive Vice President in 2000 and Chief Operating Officer in 2002.

Before joining HBO, Nelson worked for Time Inc., and as an Audit Supervisor for Ernst & Young, a public accounting firm in New York City. He holds a BBA degree in accounting and finance, and an MBA from Pace University in New York. He also completed Harvard University's Program for Management Development and is currently a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Nelson actively supports efforts to help our veterans and their families in need through his participation in veteran focused charities, including: Hope for the Warriors; United War Veterans Council NYC; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 126 NYC; Friends of Vietnam Veterans Plaza NYC and the National Veterans Business Council.

Mr. Nelson has also received numerous awards and recognition for his work on behalf of our veterans, including the Veterans Advantage TOPVET Award and the Vietnam Veterans of America's Excellence In The Arts Award, as well as their highest award, The Commendation

Medal for Exemplary Service to Veterans and the Community. In 2013, Mr. Nelson received the U.S. Army's inaugural Soldier's Patriot Award.

Mr. Nelson is a Vietnam combat veteran, having served with the U.S. Army's 2/502nd "Strike Force" Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Valorous Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Award and the Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal Unit Award.