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Former President Clinton makes surprise appearance at NGLTF benefit

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MIAMI — Former President Bill Clinton made a surprise appearance at a benefit over the weekend for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Clinton was in South Florida to campaign for Democratic candidates. An aide called the NGLTF about an hour before to say that Clinton would like to attend.

The former president mingled with the 650 people who attended the dinner and stayed to see an old friend, NAACP Chair Julian Bond, receive an NGLTF leadership award. Bond has been a longtime supporter of LGBT issues.

Last week Bond told a forum at the University of Virginia where he is a professor that the state's proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage is nothing less than discrimination and no different from racism.

The dinner raised more than \$270,000, two-thirds of which will be donated by the Task Force to organizations serving the Miami-Dade LGBT community.