and worked in the insurance industry. While she had considerable success as a businesswoman, she considers raising her children and making it on her own after the death of her husband her greatest accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mayme Cohron in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayme on reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING MASARYK TOWERS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Masaryk Towers on the special occasion of its 50th and 51st Anniversary Rededication ceremony.

This complex is more than brick and mortar. Built at the height of the Civil Rights movement, and three decades after the New Deal and the 1934 Federal Housing Act, the Masaryk Towers development is a symbol of vision, innovation and hope in the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

We all know and embrace the rich history of the Lower East Side from the arrival and settlement of hard working immigrants seeking freedom and the American Dream to the history of poor tenants living in crowded subpar tenements, with unsanitary and unsafe housing conditions.

From the 1900’s to the present, government initiatives have sought to improve the quality of life for its citizens. In the 1930’s, after the stock market crash, our nation had more than 12 million unemployed people, many of whom faced homelessness. This crisis pushed New Yorkers, especially immigrants, into decades of despair. After World War II, New York City saw a peak in population, but also a massive flight by the middle-income families, industries and businesses to the suburbs, leaving lower-income working families behind.

Recognizing a need to help address the housing crisis facing working families, New York State Representatives Senator MacNeil Mitchell and Assemblyman Alfred Lama created the Mitchell-Lama program in 1955. In 1967, Masaryk Towers was completed under the program and named after Tomas Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia. Today, Masaryk Towers consists of more than 1,100 apartment units and is home to thousands of residents in Manhattan’s Lower East Side community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Masaryk Towers and its leadership: President Bernice McCallum, Board Officers Laura Pagan and Ted Reich and the entire Board on this special anniversary, and for their dedication and commitment to preserving Masaryk Towers for future generations.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 8, 2018 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 8th answered our nation’s call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.


SUPPORT BALANCE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my resolution in support of Balance Awareness Week and the related vestibular disorders. The vestibular system includes the parts of the inner ear and brain that process the sensory information involved with controlling balance and eye movements.