

the Pastorate with a vision to build a Luke 14 church where people could find help, hope, and a family. On Easter Sunday 1998, Faith Family Church dedicated a new sanctuary and ministry campus with a vision to be: "A Church with a heart for all people" that would "Not see through people but help see people through."

Faith Family Church has provided Christ-centered education to equip people for a better life through Faith Academy, Destiny Bible Institute, Celebrate Recovery and hundreds of classes, workshops, and community small groups weekly. Their vision to encourage, empower, and equip overlooked churches in overlooked places has led to the development of the Significant Church Network. Their heart to further the reach of the Gospel led them to open campuses in Hallettsville and Gonzales, Texas.

The people of Faith Family provide help and assistance to the surrounding community through efforts including: Passion Week projects, Backpack outreach, Toys for Tots, Sidewalk Sunday School, Adopt-a-block, and Prison Ministry. Faith Family served as a temporary shelter in 2005 for those fleeing Hurricane Katrina and, in 2017, was a central point to coordinate relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey.

Their commitment to underserved and unreached populations across the world has built 19 Bible Schools, planted 526 churches, supported orphanages in Guatemala, and delivered aid to other parts of the world. Constructed in India, The House of Psalms 1 & 2 rescues girls from sex-trafficking, giving them an education and a new way of life.

President George Washington acknowledged that "religion and morality are indispensable supports" of our nation. For 30 years, Pastor Jim has committed himself to the study and sharing of Scripture, the building up of believers, and the leadership, guidance, and ministry to the staff and people of Faith Family Church. The fruit of his labor has strengthened the moral fabric here in our community and in communities around the world.

I would like to personally congratulate Pastors Jim and Tamara Graff and the people of Faith Family Church for 30 years of faithful ministry together sharing the love of Christ with their community, our nation, and the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEDDING  
OF PETER JONES AND JENNIFER  
HOLCOMB

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Jones and Jennifer Holcomb on their remarkable partnership and to wish them well on a lifetime of marriage.

Peter and Jennifer were wed in a beautiful ceremony on July 20th, 2019 in Taos, New Mexico. Surrounded by friends and family, their intimate wedding symbolizes their deep commitment to one another and their future life together.

Their union is the beginning of another journey, as Peter and Jen share an adventurous spirit and a drive to explore the world. With a

loving home that includes their two canines Indy and Bear, they begin their married life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peter Jones and Jennifer Holcomb for embarking on a new chapter in their lives and wishing them well on their journey together.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
JEFFREY JEWELL

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, JOHN GARAMENDI, and ERIC SWALWELL to recognize the service of long-time community advocate and veteran, Jeffrey Jewell.

Jeff's commitment to service was apparent throughout his life and career. Upon graduating high school, Jeff enlisted in the Air Force. While stationed in Japan, he taught English to Japanese businessmen and volunteered for Big Brothers, Scouting Leadership, and the Suicide Hotline. After his service, Jeff earned his bachelor's degree in human relations and Master's in Public Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He also later received a Master's in Psychology from Chapman University.

Jeff applied his education and experience in the armed services to aid veterans in the Bay Area. In 1991, he started as a volunteer with veteran organizations in Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Jeff was the past commander in Vacaville of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, United Veterans Memorial Association, and past chairman of the Vacaville Veterans Building Association.

In 2001, Jeff began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs Concord Veterans Center as a therapist for combat veterans and for families that lost loved ones in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jeff also served on the Department of Veterans Affairs National Homeless Veterans Working Group and helped veterans find housing and integrate back into society. Jeff became the Director of the Sacramento Veterans Center in March 2010 and returned to the Concord Vet Center a few years later to serve as Director.

Jeff has given so much back to veterans across the country and in Contra Costa County—something our community is incredibly grateful for. I join with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, JOHN GARAMENDI, and Eric SWALWELL in thanking Jeff for his sacrifices for our nation and wishing him great luck and joy in retirement.

HONORING QUAKER SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH ON THEIR  
175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Quaker Springs Methodist Church on their 175th Anniversary.

This historic church has been a cornerstone of the Quaker Springs community for generations. While the exact date that the original church was constructed is unknown, the incorporation of the Methodist Church in Quaker Springs occurred in November of 1843. The trustees of the church began constructing a new church shortly thereafter, nearby the original, on land purchased in 1842 for fifty dollars. Even today, the great, great grandchildren of some of the original congregation still worship there regularly. The deeply historic and tightly woven fabric of our communities is what makes the North Country so unique and special.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the trustees and congregation of Quaker Springs Methodist Church for reaching another historic milestone. I wish them well and look forward to their continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on September 26, 2019 due to travel. Had I been present, I would have voted: "nay" on Roll Call No. 549; "nay" on Roll Call No. 550; "yea" on Roll Call No. 551; "nay" on Roll Call No. 552; "yea" on Roll Call No. 553; "yea" on Roll Call No. 554; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 555.

HONORING THE PASSING OF  
PATRICIA GEIB

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Patricia Geib of Palmyra, Pennsylvania who sadly passed away this week after her third battle with cancer.

Patricia was an incredible spirit whose life touched countless others. She was a devoted employee of the H.B. Reese Candy Co. for many years and would keep working at the Hotel Hershey even after her retirement. She was a dedicated community member whose spirit could never be broken. Patricia faced three bouts with cancer with her characteristic courage and optimism. She never stopped inspiring and caring for the people she loved.

Her life was filled with joy from family, friends, and faith and she will surely be missed by all who knew her. Patricia is survived by a loving family including her husband, Daniel W. Geib of Palmyra; daughter, Danielle Geib, brother, David Burke, stepsons, Andrew (Amy) and Geoff Geib; her grandchildren, Alyssa, Alexis, Aiden and Ashton Geib and her nephew Michael Barley. I ask that the House of Representatives, on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth District, join me and her family in remembering the life of Patricia Geib.