

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ALISHA D. PRATHER
FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS AND
SERVICE TO THE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented individual who has been a dedicated member of our Committee staff—Alisha D. Prather.

Alisha came to the Committee as the communications director for the minority staff at the beginning of the 108th Congress. She filled a newly created position since the minority staff had functioned without a press person for some years.

Her degree in Telecommunications from Baylor University and a Master's in Communication Studies from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette meant Alisha was well prepared for the job. She also came to us with a great deal of work experience on Capitol Hill under her belt.

From the start, the challenge Alisha faced on the Committee was taking technical, scientific information and translating it into an interesting and informative message for the American public. She succeeded. With her quick intellect and some long hours, Alisha soon produced an organized press shop, building enormous credibility with our science constituencies, the public and the media.

One of her first projects as the new communications director was to shepherd the minority website through a top to bottom redesign. She did an outstanding job. The website received a Congressional Management Foundation Gold Mouse Award in 2006, recognizing the site as one of the best web sites on Capitol Hill. Alisha did it again in 2007 when our Committee website received another Gold Mouse Award and was judged to be the number one committee website in Congress.

With our move to the Majority in 2007, Alisha undertook the task of meeting the press needs of a growing staff and an increasingly busy Committee agenda, while assuring that my media needs and the needs of our active Membership were well attended.

Prior to her time with us, Alisha worked for 8 years as the communications director for Representative Chris John of Louisiana. For several years, Alisha also served as the communications coordinator for the Blue Dog Coalition.

Alisha leaves the Hill after 11½ years here, and she will be missed. She's heading to Texas which takes her that much closer to her home State of Louisiana. Although a huge fan of Capitol Hill and the Washington, DC area, Alisha has always had an interest in spending some time closer to home.

We wish her well as she takes on a new challenge—Director of Communications for the

new Galveston National Laboratory projected to open in November of this year. As Alisha says, it's the opportunity to build something from the ground up.

We're quick to point out that she did just that with our press operation here at the Committee, and we extend our sincere thanks to her for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DELMAR LITTLE
LEAGUE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Delmar Little League, which will celebrate its opening day and 50th anniversary on April 19. For one half-century, the Delmar Little League has been providing the only organized summer activity open to all youths in the town of Delmar, Delaware.

The Delmar Little League was chartered in 1958 under the leadership of Epperson "Eppie" Culver, who also became the league's first president and one of the league's first coaches. The league was initially organized into four teams: the Vets, sponsored by the Delmar VFW Memorial Post 8276, the Moose, sponsored by Moose Lodge No. 582, the Firemen, sponsored by the Delmar Fire Department, and the Lions, sponsored by the Delmar Lions Club. The inaugural season was officially dedicated on August 15, and the first games were played on a corner lot provided by the Delmar Fire Department. That year, using equipment given to the league by the Delmar Kiwanis Club, the four teams only played against each other: they did not compete with any other teams outside of the league.

By the 1959 season, the Delmar Little League had grown to 60 boys, and the league had its own field on which to play. The league held a contest to decide on the name of the park. The winning entry was submitted by James Mills, and Pote Field was dedicated on June 19, 1959. The new location was named for Monroe Pote, or "Mr. Baseball", as he was known in Delmar. Mr. Pote is credited with establishing the first organized baseball team in Delmar in 1922, along with many other sports teams and organizations for the young men of his town. Mr. Pote became an inspiration and a father figure to many of the boys that he coached. 1959 proved to be a milestone year for the league in scoring, as well: the first home run was scored by Gary Wooten on May 30 and the first grand slam by John Ehrlich on June 23. The league formed its original First All-Star Team in 1960.

The league moved to its present facilities in 1962, when the park's namesake, William

Gordy, Sr., donated the land for a new field. Today, there are 449 players registered in the Delmar Little League, with over half of the players hailing from Delaware. In addition, the league has hosted several state level tournaments. The Delmar Little League established a female softball division in 1982 and the baseball league is now open to young women, as well.

I acknowledge the Delmar Little League for 50 years of promoting physical fitness and community involvement amongst young people in the State of Delaware. I am confident that the league will continue to do so for many more years to come.

PACCAR: TRADER OF THE YEAR

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate PACCAR, Inc. for earning the 2008 Governor's Trader of the Year Award in Washington State for expanding the State's international trade. PACCAR, headquartered in my congressional district, is a global leader in the design, manufacture and customer support of light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks. In addition, PACCAR provides financial services and informational technology for the actual truck makers—all while conducting its business with the health and safety of the planet in mind.

With 22,000 employees worldwide and 2,500 in Washington State, PACCAR is a local business with a truly global reach. In 2007, PACCAR had \$15.2 billion in net income, selling products and services in more than 100 countries, while setting record industry sales for commercial vehicles above 15 tons in Western and Central Europe.

I also want to recognize PACCAR for its leadership and innovation in energy independence and environmentally friendly business practices. The company truly represents the spirit of the Pacific Northwest region by conducting business within and very often exceeding regulatory environmental standards, harnessing the power and efficiency of solar energy and, perhaps most importantly, conserving energy utilizing breakthrough hybrid technology.

PACCAR is a leader in truck design and manufacture. It is an American company from the Pacific Northwest with a global impact. It is also a wonderful example of American business leading the way in energy independence and environmentally-friendly business practices and I offer its employees my sincere congratulations and appreciation.

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