

Small, distributed geothermal power generation is being explored in many new areas, from Oregon to Texas and North Dakota. This proposal will encourage the development of those technologies by extending the 30 percent credit to them as well.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

ON THE BIRTH OF PATRICK AND
BRENDAN RILEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Jeffery Charles Riley and his wife Scarlett Diann Hutson Riley on the birth of their new baby twin boys. Patrick Sean Riley and Brenden Oscar Riley were born on June 22, 2010 weighing 5 pounds, 13 oz. and 5 pounds, 3 oz., respectively at Torrance Memorial Center of Torrance, California. Brendan is a little taller at 19 inches than his brother at 17³/₄ inches.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Riley family and wish them all the best as we know they will certainly have their hands full! I want to congratulate Patrick and Brendan's grandparents Charles and Debby Riley of Torrance, California, and Marion and Margaret Hutson of Cayce, South Carolina, on this wonderful new extension of their family.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR AN-
NIVERSARY OF FORMER HON-
DURAN PRESIDENT MANUEL
ZELAYA'S REMOVAL FROM
POWER

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, one year ago today, on June 28, 2009, the Honduran people chose to uphold their Constitution and the rule of law by removing former President Manuel Zelaya from power, a close ally of Venezuelan strongman Hugo Chavez who was taking the Honduran people down the path of less freedom.

But even though the Honduran people were following the rule of law, the international community punished them for instituting what they believed to be a "military coup." Honduras was suspended from the Organization of American States, OAS, and had their vital U.S. assistance temporarily frozen, causing them to permanently lose part of their Millennium Challenge Corporation project.

Even in the face of adversity (as well as a devastating tropical storm and the worst draught in 25 years), Honduras continued its fight for democracy and the rule of law. They withdrew from ALBA, an organization of leftist states in Latin America; they created a new

human rights officer to respond to increasing attacks on journalists in their country; and their interim president, Roberto Micheletti, oversaw a peaceful, free and fair presidential election in November.

Honduras was able to accomplish great things for its democracy, all while dealing with charges and visits from our own government, which was focused not on helping our friend and ally, but shaming and threatening them into rewriting history.

A year after standing up to a ruthless leader who attempted to dismiss the country's constitution in an effort to maintain power, the Honduran people have their sights set on their nation's future.

President Lobo inherited a country that was in the worst shape it had been in over the past 40 years: a dire economic situation, a growing number of attacks on journalists, and a sharp increase in drug trafficking by illegal gangs. In fact, according to a Reuters report, some 1,600 people died in drug violence in Honduras in 2009.

Unfortunately, as a result of the shortsighted interference by the United States, the Lobo Administration has been forced to place its first focus on rebuilding its diplomatic relations with the international community, rather than tackling the many problems within their nation.

As we continue to work with Honduras to overcome the challenges it faces in providing freedom, security and prosperity to the Honduran people, I call on the State Department to provide one clear message: those who look conformity directly in the face, and choose the fight of freedom, are the heroes required to build a free and fair society, and will always have a place as a friend and ally of the United States.

I take this opportunity today, on the one-year anniversary of the removal of former President Manuel Zelaya, to encourage the Honduran people to continue their fight for freedom, security and prosperity, and I pledge my continued support for them in this noble goal.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ESIGN
DAY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise to support the designation of June 30 as National ESIGN Day. National ESIGN Day will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN), which has transformed how interstate commerce and business is conducted.

The advent of e-signatures has brought immeasurable benefit to consumers and the business community, providing for increased consumer convenience, and reduced costs. E-signatures have significantly increased transaction speed and closure rates, saving time and money for businesses, and provide se-

cure and predictable outcomes with fewer errors.

Recognizing June 30 as National ESIGN Day acknowledges the previous contribution made by the Congress to adopt modern solutions that keep our nation on the leading technological edge and reaffirms the Congress's commitment to more efficient and environmentally conscious business practices. I represent the city of Seattle—one of the world's greatest technology hubs—where the Electronic Signatures Act has greatly enhanced the ability of companies to remain competitive and active with companies from around the globe.

The first agreement signed with electronic signatures by sovereign nations happened in 1998 between the United States and Ireland. Since then, electronic signature technology has significantly strengthened global communications. New strides are made every day in this area. Just this past spring, the Federal Housing Administration announced that it will now accept e-signed third party documents which will help expedite real estate transactions. Less than two weeks ago, the Utah Supreme Court ruled to allow electronic signatures on petitions in the election process, becoming the first state in the nation to do so.

I would especially like to acknowledge Seattle-based electronic signature management platform provider DocuSign for being champions in the electronic signatures industry and for spearheading the coalition to mark June 30 as National ESIGN Day.

Dozens of industries and associations have offered their support for this resolution to celebrate the advancements that have been made in the past decade, and more importantly, to encourage even more rapid adoption of electronic signatures in the future.

This resolution enjoys the support of several companies and industry leaders, including DocuSign, Inc., Electronic Signature and Records Association, Consumer Mortgage Coalition, National Association of REALTORS, Insured Retirement Institute, CML America, USAA, Adobe Systems, Sallie Mae, Fidelity National Financial, Fiserv, eOriginal, Silanis Technology, AlphaTrust Corporation, AssureSign, LLC, Amica Mutual Insurance Company, First Marblehead, Flagstar Bank, Quicken Loans, IMM, Stewart Lender Services, Ellie Mae, MERS, MISMO, EverBank, SigniaDocs, Inc., Encomia, Direct Mortgage Corp., Digital Docs, Inc., Relevant Technologies, Magnolia Technologies, Simplifile, eSignSystems (a division of Wave Systems Corp.), Realtime Solutions Group, LLC, Lending Tree, and the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries.

This resolution honors the forethought and vision of those who worked to pass the landmark Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act ten years ago. The passage of that bill paved the way for American companies to operate globally, and it is truly a victory for every businesses and governmental agency looking to increase productivity and efficiency. Let us recognize June 30 as national ESIGN Day.