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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “El Camino Real de
5 Tierra Adentro Study Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro was the
4 primary route for nearly 300 years that was used by
5 clergy, colonists, soldiers, Indians, officials, and
6 trade caravans between Mexico and New Mexico;

7 (2) from the Spanish colonial period (1598–
8 1821), through the Mexican national period (1821–
9 1848), and through part of the United States Terri-
10 torial period (1840–1912), El Camino Real de Tier-
11 ra Adentro extended 1,800 miles from Mexico City
12 through Chihuahua City, El Paso del Norte, and on
13 to Santa Fe in northern New Mexico;

14 (3) the road was the first to be developed by
15 Europeans in what is now the United States and for
16 a time was one of the longest roads in North Amer-
17 ica; and

18 (4) El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, until
19 the arrival of the railroad in the 1880's, witnessed
20 and stimulated great multi-cultural exchanges and
21 the evolution of nations, peoples, and cultures.

22 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TRAIL.**

23 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
24 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(36)(A) El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro,
2 the approximately 1,800 mile route extending from
3 Mexico City, Mexico, across the international border
4 at El Paso, Texas, to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

5 “(B) The study shall—

6 “(i) examine changing routes within the
7 general corridor;

8 “(ii) examine major connecting branch
9 routes; and

10 “(iii) give due consideration to alternative
11 name designations.

12 “(C) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized
13 to work in cooperation with the Government of Mex-
14 ico (including, but not limited to providing technical
15 assistance) to determine the suitability and feasibil-
16 ity of establishing an international historic route
17 along the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.”.

Passed the Senate July 21 (legislative day, June
30), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.