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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “El Camino Real de
5 los Tejas National Historic Trail Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS**
2 **NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

3 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(24) EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL
7 HISTORIC TRAIL.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—El Camino Real de los
9 Tejas (the Royal Road to the Tejas) National His-
10 toric Trail, a combination of historic routes (includ-
11 ing the Old San Antonio Road) totaling approxi-
12 mately 2,580 miles, extending from the Rio Grande
13 near Eagle Pass and Laredo, Texas, to
14 Natchitoches, Louisiana, as generally depicted on
15 the map entitled ‘El Camino Real de los Tejas’ con-
16 tained in the report entitled ‘National Historic Trail
17 Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment: El
18 Camino Real de los Tejas, Texas-Louisiana’, dated
19 July 1998.

20 “(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the trail
21 shall be on file and available for public inspection in
22 the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

23 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—(i) The Secretary of
24 the Interior (referred to in this paragraph as ‘the
25 Secretary’) shall administer the trail.

1 “(ii) The Secretary shall administer those por-
2 tions of the trail on non-Federal land only with the
3 consent of the owner of such land and when such
4 trail portion qualifies for certification as an officially
5 established component of the trail, consistent with
6 section 3(a)(3). An owner’s approval of a certifi-
7 cation agreement shall satisfy the consent require-
8 ment. A certification agreement may be terminated
9 at any time.

10 “(iii) The designation of the trail does not au-
11 thorize any person to enter private property without
12 the consent of the owner.

13 “(D) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall
14 consult with appropriate State and local agencies in
15 the planning and development of the trail.

16 “(E) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Sec-
17 retary may coordinate with United States and Mexi-
18 can public and nongovernmental organizations, aca-
19 demic institutions, and, in consultation with the Sec-
20 retary of State, the Government of Mexico and its
21 political subdivisions, for the purpose of exchanging
22 trail information and research, fostering trail preser-
23 vation and educational programs, providing technical
24 assistance, and working to establish an international

1 historic trail with complementary preservation and
2 education programs in each nation.

3 “(F) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United States
4 shall not acquire for the trail any land or interest
5 in land outside the exterior boundary of any feder-
6 ally-administered area without the consent of the
7 owner of the land or interest in land.”.

Passed the Senate September 15, 2004.

Attest:

EMILY J. REYNOLDS,

Secretary.