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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

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

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TRAIL.**

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

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

9 “(B) The study shall—

10 “(i) examine changing routes within the
11 general corridor;

12 “(ii) examine major connecting branch
13 routes; and

14 “(iii) give due consideration to alternative
15 name designations.

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

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

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,

Secretary.