Whereas Sanger, California, was, on October 1, 1949, recognized by the Post Office Department as the Nation's Christmas Tree City; and
Whereas because of such dedication, and because of the work done and the interest shown by the citizens of Sanger, California, the Nation's Christmas Tree has become known nationally and internationally; and
Whereas it is appropriate and desirable at this time to provide further recognition of the Nation's Christmas Tree as a living symbol of our American heritage: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the General Grant tree, which is located in the Kings Canyon National Park, in Fresno County, California, and which was dedicated by the Federal Government in 1926 as the Nation's Christmas Tree, is hereby declared to be a national shrine in memory of the men and women of the Armed Forces who have served and fought and died to keep this Nation free and to preserve the spiritual, human, and civil rights which are the essence of our American heritage. The Secretary of the Interior, through the National Park Service, shall make appropriate provision for the perpetual care and maintenance of such shrine.

Sec. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to change the name of the General Grant tree.

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CHAPTER 100

March 29, 1956

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AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance to Lake County, California, of the Lower Lake Rancheria, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sell to the county of Lake, California, for the purpose of establishing an airport, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to real property described as south half northeast quarter, and lot 2, section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo meridian, containing 140.46 acres, known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, except for a 41-acre tract described in section 2. The deed shall be made from the Secretary
of the Interior to the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and the purchase price shall be the fair market value of such property at the time of sale as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The proceeds of the sale shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians of California in their 4 per centum judgment fund established under section 6 of the Act of May 18, 1928 (ch. 625, 45 Stat. 601, 608).

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue a patent in fee or an unrestricted deed of conveyance to Harry Johnson for the following-described land, to wit: Beginning at a point on the east line of lot 2, of section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian, that is north 48 degrees 21 minutes 45.5 seconds west, 2,561.46 feet from the southeast corner of section 34, said township and range; and from said point of beginning running thence north 48 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,714.81 feet to a point on the west line of lot 2, of said section 34, that is north 48 degrees 19 minutes 42.2 seconds west, 5,141.47 feet from the southeast corner of said section 34; thence south, along the west line of lot 2 of said section 34 to the meander line of Clear Lake; thence southeasterly, along said meander line of Clear Lake, to the east line of lot 2, said section 34; and thence north, along the east line of lot 2, said section 34, to the point of beginning, containing 41 acres more or less.

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CHAPTER 101

To provide for the release by the United States of its rights and interests in certain land located in Saginaw County, Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby relinquishes to the owner or owners of certain land in Saginaw County all rights which it may have under article 7 of the treaty with the Chippewa Nation of Indians in 1819 (7 Stat. 205) to construct roads through such land. Such land, which was granted by the United States to James Riley in 1828 pursuant to such treaty contains approximately 840.0 acres and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a post on the bank of the Saginaw River, the northwest corner of the fraction of section 25, east of the Saginaw River in township 12 north of range 4 east from which an Ash 10 inches in diameter bears south 24 degrees east distant 20 links and a Maple 7 inches in diameter bears north 18 degrees west distant 121/2 links, thence east 115 chains and 80 links to a post on the line between ranges 1 and 5 east from which an Elm 20 inches in diameter bears south 17 degrees west distant 6 links, and an Ironwood 8 inches in diameter bears north 17 degrees east distant 6 links; thence north 62 chains to a post from which, a Sugar tree 8 inches in diameter bears north 26 degrees east distant 15 links, and a White Oak 36 inches in diameter bears south 16 degrees 30 minutes east distant 44 links, thence west 72 chains and 46 links to a post on the east bank, Saginaw River, from which a Maple 12 inches in diameter bears south 62 degrees west distant 20 links, and an Ash 12 inches in diameter bears north 64 degrees east distant 113 links, thence up the said river with the meanders thereof to the place of beginning.

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