

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 300 years, the Camino Real de Tierra  
2 Adentro played a vital role in the history, economy, and culture of  
3 Mexico and the American Southwest; and

4           WHEREAS, Centuries before Europeans came to North America,  
5 Native Americans maintained extensive trade routes between groups  
6 in what is now Texas and New Mexico and civilizations further south;  
7 when the first Spanish explorers arrived in the region in the early  
8 16th century, native peoples often guided them through this  
9 striking landscape along these traditional footpaths; and

10          WHEREAS, In 1598, Don Juan de Oñate and his party crossed the  
11 Rio Grande near present-day El Paso and established a colony in New  
12 Mexico; for the next three centuries, what came to be known as the  
13 Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, or the Royal Road of the Interior,  
14 functioned as the principal conduit of commerce, agriculture,  
15 technology, languages, and religion between central Mexico and the  
16 American Southwest, running 1,600 miles from Mexico City at its  
17 southern end to San Juan Pueblo in New Mexico in the north; and

18          WHEREAS, In 2010, UNESCO added the portion of the Camino Real  
19 that lies in Mexico to its prestigious World Heritage List; the  
20 designation highlighted five of the route's existing urban World  
21 Heritage sites that exemplify its cultural, commercial, religious,  
22 and geographical significance, as well as 55 historic sites,  
23 including bridges, chapels, former haciendas and convents, and  
24 other natural and manmade features, related to the use of the road;

1 the American section of the Camino Real, which passes through El  
2 Paso, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe, was designated as a National  
3 Historic Trail by an act of Congress in 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognized by UNESCO for its "outstanding universal  
5 value," the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro represents the rich  
6 heritage of hundreds of years of human interchange between the  
7 cultures of Europe and the New World, and it serves as a vital and  
8 tangible reminder of the inextricable links between two great  
9 nations; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize the cultural and historical  
12 significance of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and commend all  
13 those involved in efforts to raise awareness of and preserve the  
14 legacy of this extraordinary international landmark.

González of El Paso

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2192 was adopted by the House on My  
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