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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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “California Missions  
5 Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8            (1) The California missions represent some of  
9        our Nation’s oldest historical treasures.

10           (2) The first of the California missions was  
11        founded in 1769, and eventually a chain of 21 mis-  
12        sions and various sub-missions extended along the  
13        coast of California on El Camino Real.

14           (3) The California missions contribute greatly  
15        to the rich historical, cultural, and architectural her-  
16        itage of California and the American West.

17           (4) The knowledge and cultural influence of na-  
18        tive California Indians made a lasting contribution  
19        to the early settlement of California and the develop-  
20        ment of the California missions.

21           (5) More than 5,300,000 people visit the Cali-  
22        fornia missions annually, and the historical impor-  
23        tance of the California missions extends worldwide  
24        as they have become a frequent destination for for-  
25        eign visitors to the United States.

1           (6) The history of the California missions is an  
2 important educational component in California  
3 schools, and the study of the California missions is  
4 part of the Statewide fourth grade curricula on Cali-  
5 fornia history.

6           (7) Restoration and repair of the California  
7 missions, and the preservation of the Spanish colo-  
8 nial and mission-era artworks and artifacts of the  
9 California missions, for the public enjoyment will en-  
10 sure that future generations also have the benefit of  
11 experiencing and appreciating these great symbols of  
12 the spirit of exploration and discovery in the Amer-  
13 ican West.

14 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVA-**  
15 **TION OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17           (1) CALIFORNIA MISSIONS.—The term “Califor-  
18 nia missions” means the following historic Span-  
19 ish missions located in the State of California and  
20 designated as California Registered Historical Land-  
21 marks:

22                   (A) Mission La Purisima Concepcion,  
23 Lompoc.

24                   (B) Mission La Soledad, Soledad.

25                   (C) Mission San Antonio de Padua, Jolon.

1 (D) Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura.

2 (E) Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio  
3 Carmelo, Carmel.

4 (F) Mission San Diego Alcalá, San Diego.

5 (G) Mission San Fernando Rey de España,  
6 Mission Hills.

7 (H) Mission San Francisco de Asís, San  
8 Francisco.

9 (I) Mission San Francisco Solano,  
10 Sonoma.

11 (J) Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, San Ga-  
12 briel.

13 (K) Mission San José, Fremont.

14 (L) Mission San Juan Bautista, San Juan  
15 Bautista.

16 (M) Mission San Juan Capistrano, San  
17 Juan Capistrano.

18 (N) Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa  
19 and its Asistencia (sub-mission) of Santa Mar-  
20 garita de Cortona, San Luis Obispo.

21 (O) Mission San Luis Rey de Francia and  
22 its Asistencia (sub-mission), Oceanside.

23 (P) Mission San Miguel Arcángel, San  
24 Miguel.

1 (Q) Mission San Rafael Arcangel, San  
2 Rafael.

3 (R) Mission Santa Barbara Virgen y  
4 Martir, Santa Barbara.

5 (S) Mission Santa Clara de Asis, Santa  
6 Clara.

7 (T) Mission Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz.

8 (U) Mission Santa Ines Virgen y Martir,  
9 Solvang.

10 (V) Asistencia San Antonio de Pala, Pala.

11 (2) CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION.—The  
12 term “California Missions Foundation” means the  
13 charitable corporation established in the State of  
14 California in 1998 to fund the restoration and repair  
15 of the California missions and the preservation of  
16 the Spanish colonial and mission-era artworks and  
17 artifacts of the California missions. The Foundation  
18 is exempt from State franchise and income tax and  
19 is organized and operated exclusively for charitable  
20 purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
21 Revenue Code of 1986.

22 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the In-  
25 terior may make grants to the California Missions Foun-

1 dation to support the efforts of the California Missions  
2 Foundation to restore and repair the California missions  
3 and to preserve the artworks and artifacts associated with  
4 the California missions. As provided in section 101(e)(4)  
5 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.  
6 470a(e)(4)), the Secretary shall ensure that the purpose  
7 of a grant under this section is secular, does not promote  
8 religion, and seeks to protect those qualities that are his-  
9 torically significant.

10 (c) APPLICATION.—In order to receive a grant under  
11 this section for the preservation of the California missions,  
12 the California Missions Foundation shall submit to the  
13 Secretary an application that includes—

14 (1) a status report on the condition of the in-  
15 frastructure and artifacts for each of the California  
16 missions; and

17 (2) a comprehensive program for restoration,  
18 repair, and preservation of such infrastructure and  
19 artifacts, including prioritized preservation efforts to  
20 be conducted over a 5-year period and the estimated  
21 costs of such preservation efforts.

22 (d) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
23 retary shall require the California Missions Foundation to  
24 match grant funds provided under this section.

1       (e) REPORT.—As a condition of a grant under this  
2 section, the California Missions Foundation shall submit  
3 to the Secretary an annual report on the status of the  
4 preservation efforts undertaken using grant funds pro-  
5 vided under this section. The Secretary shall submit a  
6 copy of each report to Congress.

7       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
8 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary a total of  
9 \$10,000,000 during the five-fiscal year period beginning  
10 October 1, 2003, to make grants under this section. Funds  
11 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
12 tions in this section shall be in addition to any funds made  
13 available for preservation efforts in the State of California  
14 under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Passed the House of Representatives October 20,  
2003.

Attest:

*Clerk.*