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An Act

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[H.R. 434]

To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act.
Texas.
16 USC 1241 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act".

SEC. 2. EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY.

Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(47) EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—The Emancipation National Historic Trail, extending approximately 51 miles from the Osterman Building and Reedy Chapel in Galveston, Texas, along Texas State Highway 3 and Interstate Highway 45 North, to Freedmen's Town, then to Independence Heights and Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas, following the migration route taken by newly freed slaves and other persons of African descent from the major 19th century seaport town of Galveston to the burgeoning community of Freedmen's Town, located in the 4th Ward of Houston, Texas.".

Approved January 27, 2020.

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