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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete a special resource study of the national significance, suitability, and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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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. STUDY; REPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date that funds are first made available for this
7 section, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation

1 with the affected local governments, the State gov-
2 ernment, State and local historic preservation of-
3 fices, community organizations, and the Golden
4 Chain Council, shall complete a special resource
5 study of the national significance, suitability, and
6 feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California,
7 known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a Na-
8 tional Heritage Corridor.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—The study shall include an
10 analysis of—

11 (A) the significance of Highway 49 in
12 American history; (B) options for preservation
13 and use of the highway;

14 (C) options for interpretation of significant
15 features associated with the highway;

16 (D) private sector preservation alter-
17 natives;

18 (E) whether the study area includes resi-
19 dents, business interests, nonprofit organiza-
20 tions, and local and State governments that—

21 (i) support the designation of the
22 study area as a national heritage corridor;

23 (ii) were involved in the preparation of
24 the study; and

1 (iii) have developed a conceptual fi-
2 nancial plan that outlines the roles of all
3 participants, including the Federal Govern-
4 ment; and

5 (F) whether the study area has a potential
6 management entity to work in partnership with
7 residents, business interests, nonprofit organi-
8 zations, and local and State governments to de-
9 velop a national heritage corridor consistent
10 with continued local and State economic activ-
11 ity.

12 (3) BOUNDARIES OF STUDY AREA.—The area
13 studied under this section shall be comprised of
14 Highway 49 in California extending from the city of
15 Oakhurst in Madera County to the city of
16 Tuttletown in Tuolumne County, and lands, struc-
17 tures, and cultural resources within the immediate
18 vicinity of the highway.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after comple-
20 tion of the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary
21 shall submit a report describing the results of the study
22 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
23 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
24 sources of the Senate.

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