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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 52**

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**Introduced by Assembly ~~Members Nazarian and~~ Member Holden**

August 4, 2014

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House Resolution No. 52—Relative to Old Spanish Trail Day in California.

1       WHEREAS, In 1829, Antonio Armijo, a merchant from Santa  
2 Fe, led 60 men and approximately 100 mules on known Native  
3 American and later Fur Trappers/Traders trails northward through  
4 northwestern New Mexico, southwestern Colorado, southern Utah,  
5 northern Arizona, and southern Nevada, across the Mojave Desert  
6 into the San Gabriel Mission, and finally to the Los Angeles Plaza  
7 where their goods were sold or exchanged; and

8       WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail was used successfully as a  
9 major Southwestern Trade and Migration Route between 1829 and  
10 1848 in delivering Native American, Spanish, and Mexican goods  
11 along the approximately 3,500 miles of the trail that helped enable  
12 the settlement of the west; and

13       WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) is a  
14 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization supported by a broad  
15 membership in 27 states and 13 local chapters in the six Old  
16 Spanish Trail States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New  
17 Mexico, and Utah) and England; and

18       WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail became the 15th National  
19 Historic Trail when Congress adopted S. 1946 in November-2002  
20 and 2002, which President George W. Bush signed it into law in  
21 December 2002; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the ~~Mission~~ *mission* of OSTA to study,  
2 preserve, protect, interpret, educate, and promote respectful use  
3 of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail and closely related  
4 historic routes, ~~as well as promoting~~ *and to promote* public  
5 awareness of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail and its  
6 multicultural heritage by encouraging research, publication, and  
7 partnering with governments and private historical, educational,  
8 and tourist organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, California recognizes and commends OSTA for  
10 its efforts to study, preserve, protect, interpret, educate, and  
11 promote respectful use of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail  
12 and its multicultural heritage; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
14 Assembly declares Saturday, October 4, 2014, and the first  
15 Saturday in October of each subsequent year, as Old Spanish Trail  
16 Day in California; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.