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# H. R. 3425

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2001

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

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## 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  
8 with the affected local governments, the State gov-

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

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

10 (A) the significance of Highway 49 in  
11 American history;

12 (B) options for preservation and use of the  
13 highway;

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

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

18 (3) BOUNDARIES OF STUDY AREA.—The area  
19 studied under this section shall be comprised of  
20 Highway 49 in California extending from the city of  
21 Oakhurst in Madera County to the city of Vinton in  
22 Sierra County, and lands, structures, and cultural  
23 resources within the immediate vicinity of the high-  
24 way.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after comple-  
2 tion of the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary  
3 shall submit a report describing the results of the study  
4 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
5 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
6 sources of the Senate.

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