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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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that:

1           (1) It is in the Federal Government's interest  
2           to facilitate local development of jobs in areas of  
3           high unemployment.

4           (2) Railroad interests in rights-of-way prevent  
5           local communities from obtaining clear title to prop-  
6           erty for development unless the city also obtains the  
7           Federal reversionary interest in those rights-of-way.

8           (3) For development purposes, in order to se-  
9           cure needed financing, the City of Tulare Redvelop-  
10          ment Agency requires clear title to certain parcels of  
11          land within the city's business corridor that are part  
12          of a railroad right-of-way.

13 **SEC. 2. TULARE CONVEYANCE.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (c) and (d),  
15          all conveyances to the Redevelopment Agency of the City  
16          of Tulare, California, of lands described in subsection (b),  
17          heretofore or hereafter, made directly by the Southern Pa-  
18          cific Transportation Company, or its successors, are here-  
19          by validated to the extent that the conveyances would be  
20          legal or valid if all right, title, and interest of the United  
21          States, except minerals, were held by the Southern Pacific  
22          Transportation Company.

23          (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands referred to in  
24          subsection (a) are the parcels shown on the map entitled  
25          “Tulare Redevelopment Agency-Railroad Parcels Pro-

1 posed to be Acquired”, dated 5/29/97, that formed part  
2 of a railroad right-of-way granted to the Southern Pacific  
3 Railroad Company, or its successors, agents, or assigns,  
4 by the Federal Government (including the right-of-way ap-  
5 proved by an Act of Congress on July 27, 1866). The map  
6 referred to in this subsection shall be on file and available  
7 for public inspection in the offices of the Director of the  
8 Bureau of Land Management.

9 (c) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS OF AC-  
10 CESS.—Nothing in this section shall impair any existing  
11 rights of access in favor of the public or any owner of  
12 adjacent lands over, under or across the lands which are  
13 referred to in subsection (a).

14 (d) MINERALS.—The United States disclaims any  
15 and all right of surface entry to the mineral estate of lands  
16 described in subsection (b).

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 1997.

Attest:

*Clerk.*