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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Long Walk National  
5 Historic Trail Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Beginning in the fall of 1863 and ending in  
9 the winter of 1864, the United States Government  
10 forced thousands of Navajos and Mescalero Apaches  
11 to relocate from their ancestral lands to Fort Sum-  
12 ner, New Mexico, where the tribal members were  
13 held captive, virtually as prisoners of war, for over  
14 4 years.

15 (2) Thousands of Native Americans died at  
16 Fort Sumner from starvation, malnutrition, disease,  
17 exposure, or conflicts between the tribes and United  
18 States military personnel.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

20 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
21 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(\_\_\_\_) The Long Walk Trail, a series of routes  
24 which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes  
25 were forced to walk beginning in the fall of 1863 as a

1 result of their removal by the United States Government  
2 from their ancestral lands, generally located within a cor-  
3 ridor extending through portions of Canyon de Chelley,  
4 Arizona, and Albuquerque, Canyon Blanco, Anton Chico,  
5 Canyon Piedra Pintado, and Fort Sumner, New Mexico.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 2,  
2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*