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The Honorable Dick Monteith, Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, California 95354

Dear Chairman Monteith:

I am pleased to confirm that the Secretary of the Interior, on October 16, 2012, designated the Knight's Ferry Bridge in Stanislaus County, California, a National Historic Landmark, in recognition of the property's national significance in the history of the United States.

The Historic Sites Act of 1935 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to identify and recognize nationally significant places that best represent the American experience. Landmark designation recognizes and encourages the preservation of places that have exceptional value for commemorating or illustrating the history of the United States, for the inspiration and benefit of all Americans.

The Secretary of the Interior designates National Historic Landmarks only after careful study by the National Park Service, extensive opportunities for public involvement, and review and recommendation by the National Park System Advisory Board, in accordance with National Historic Landmark criteria set forth in 36 CFR Part 65. National Historic Landmarks are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, making them eligible for the safeguards and benefits provided by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and other federal laws protecting historic properties.

We are delighted to enroll the Knight's Ferry Bridge in Stanislaus County, California, as a National Historic Landmark – a designation that reflects the recognition of this property as an irreplaceable part of our nation's heritage.

Sincerely,

for J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
and National Historic Landmarks Program